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I've been writing on NextDoor about the Comprehensive Plan. When I think of my neighborhood being part of a High Population Density Zone, it makes me wonder how this could happen without a vote. I voted for my council member but I sure as hell didn't vote to let construction be the only consideration in this city. I seldom go downtown as it has become far less welcoming than ever before, due to building as a matter of habit, not planning for humans to like. "They'll like what we give them," seems the credo. And how cynical is it to maintain that it's all due to a lack of affordable housing? It's not going to solve that. It's for concentrated power and wealth from construction to be in the driver's seat and take us down the road to ugly town. I've known Ann Arbor since I was in grade school in the 50's and it's far from what was loveable back then. Progress must happen, but who's going to get the benefits of blockhouse apartment buildings reminiscent of Communist China? Any house sold can become land for a four story blockhouse apartment expanded as much as space allows? Whose idea of Tree Town is that? My bet is on owners of construction firms, who somehow hold the city in their grip.

Thank you for your kind attention,

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