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Dear AA Council members and Planning Commission members:

I have been Ann Arbor residents for eight years. I am shocked by the plans that are about to be approved without public awareness. Who drafted or created these amendments to the city codes that Planning Commission drafted - who is the driving force? I am sure the City Administrator was behind this. When you think about our current City Council, Planning and City Administrator they seem to be on the same "page". The problem being communication to the people that pay taxes is not happening.

My neighborhood is struggling with losing its eclectic feel. Fix the abandoned and struggling single family homes. Be proactive and hold landlords and property owners to the standards that are in our City Codes. You can't fix a problem by offering properties to developers to snatch up and push our Ann Arbor residence, some who are struggling, I live in an established neighborhood and it has been this way for 70 plus years. Our neighborhood is not even close to the center city so fix that first and support - not push out single families that want to offer a nice place for kids to grow up.

You have to notify neighbors with zoning changes? I cannot believe you can pass your visions onto the citizens of Ann Arbor without proper protocols for notification. The amendments you are voting on to stop public notifications for zoning/changes is very wrong.

Don't split lots or change maximum heights by changing zoning without having you do your due diligence - this does not mean hiring consultants. You need to talk and meet with the people of this city.

Parking issues, noise levels, light blight and stormwater runoff are only a minimum of problems.

I have paid off my house and plan to live in peace with my neighbors. If you allow investors to buy up the real estate what will happen? You can speculate, you can look at other areas that have UPZONED BUT YOU ARE MOVING TOO FAST AND WE NEED MORE INFORMATION AND YOU NEED TO INCLUDE US IN THE DECISIONS.

I am not in favor of the following proposed plan. Do you really know how many residences are in favor? My guess is you do not. If you can put this up for a vote then we will have more information as to what we want for our city.

The George should not be used as an achievement but more like what not to do to our city.

*Thank you for your attention and time on this important matter.*

Respectfully,  
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