

Subject:Comprehensive plan city council speech, March 16, 2026

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Hi, I am Chuck Ream, Packard Street, candidate for city Council in Ward 3 in the August 4 primary.

Please vote no and fix your comprehensive plan. It will deface our town. The excess zeal of this comprehensive plan made me run for office. The basic concept is good, but now Ann Arbor is being run for developers, and sold out. The city can never pretend that it authentically assessed what an arbor citizens want, instead it got a group together to provide “input“ and told them “Ann Arbor is going to grow a lot, how should we do that“. What a sham.

City Council always knew the plan they sought, and have not let citizen input make any difference!

They know the CLUP would fail if we could vote on it!

There is no part of the CLUP that provides any benefit to people who live in Ann Arbor now, taxes will go up, costs will go up. This is an extractive plan, which will harvest Ann Arbor and leave us both gentrified and degraded.

My big concern is that the city council has ignored trees and is aware that their plan will result in a tree disaster. If tree protections don't evolve along side densification, then tree canopy will decline, right?

Austin provided no additional tree protection and lost a lot of trees. Denver and Seattle initially provided little additional tree protection, but immediately saw what was happening to trees during redevelopment and stepped in to provide meaningful tree regulation, which creates serious mitigation requirements when trees are removed on private property.

Seattle now fights the “scrape the lot clean“ pattern by pairing redevelopment with tree removal caps. Portland and Minneapolis have minimum tree density requirements for residential lots or parking lots. Ann Arbor won't do any of this, and city Council is planning new zoning rules, which will kill more trees.

With its disregard for the trees and the character of Ann Arbor the CLUP does not represent

the will of Ann Arbor voters. It prepares our land and voters to be harvested for profit, with no protections for current residence or trees.

Let's grow Ann Arbor without cutting it down!
We need independent voices on city council!
Vote for independent Democrats August 4!
In ward 3, vote for me!

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