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Good morning,

We'd like to add our voices to the conversation surrounding potential changes to zoning regulations in residential neighborhoods. We own our home on the west side of Ann Arbor and while we fully support increasing affordable housing options in the city and have observed a lot of neighbors adding additional dwelling units to their properties, we do not think that taking the additional step of allowing higher-density, small apartments in our neighborhoods is a good idea.

On our own block, 3 small ranch houses are duplex rentals that chronically have issues with flooding and general disrepair. It seems entirely possible that these absentee landowners could sell to a developer and with a change in zoning, a fairly large apartment complex could conceivably go in just down the block on our currently tree-lined street.

Parking can already be challenging, especially for those of us with shared or very small driveways. It's also hard to reconcile how Ann Arbor can be touting a climate resilient future when it's considering policies that could compromise our existing tree canopy and access to green spaces.

We are not opposed to increasing density in Ann Arbor, but believe that city leaders' first obligation is to those of us who live here already. Allowing structures of up to 4 stories in our neighborhoods is too significant of a shift.

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