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Dear city planners,

Ann Arbor is a wonderful city to live in. I feel fortunate to live here.

It's cultural/ recreational, educational & culinary opportunities abound!!

BUT

Although we pride ourselves on being supportive of all kinds of diversity there is one group of individuals who sadly are being increasingly marginalized.

The working poor. Those who we expect to serve us daily with competence and good humor.

With each new expensive downtown high-rise and lavish condominium project, we are actively inviting those with substantial means to come to Ann Arbor... while quietly exiting those with meager means.

I BELIEVE IT FALLS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO ADDRESS THIS INJUSTICE!

Therefore, I urge you to include more affordable housing in your plan for the Cottages at Barton Green. I understand that if you make this difficult and likely unpopular decision, both the developer and the city of Ann Arbor will lose financially... (Lower cost units will net the developer less in rent or sales and will net the city less in property taxes) but history informs us that courage is often needed from those who take a stand against any injustice.

Thank you in advance for doing what you can to welcome those we've been silently dismissing from our midst.

Your fellow Ann Arborite since 1967.

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*"...ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls"*