

**Subject:** Rezoning plans

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Dear City Council and Mr Lenart,

I wish to correct a statement I made that I talked to 30 people. I did not talk directly to 30 people. I should have said that there were about 30 people at the meeting held by a2pausetheplan, and we shared our concerns and listen to each other's questions. Among this group, we were in agreement that the rezoning plan would not being our best interest and we discussed some of what I put in my letter to you as major concerns. There were other concerns that the group raised, which I have not mentioned here.

Please accept my apology for the misstatement.

Linda Peck

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Hello Mr. Lenart,

I attended a neighborhood meeting regarding the rezoning of our beautiful city. I am very concerned about this plan and wish to express these specific concerns to you and to the Planning Committee.

First, I live in one of these transitional neighborhoods, just off the "point," which is the Huron/Dexter/Jackson intersection. North Revena is a very nice family street with single family homes, and two duplexes, one of which I own. I oppose the three-level multi-family allowance with this new plan. It would destroy the appearance and natural beauty of our longstanding neighborhood. There are many empty office towers and many under-used (un-rented) apartments available in Ann Arbor currently. I am sure you know the numbers as well as I do. The only shortage of housing is for single homes. There, I agree, there are not many on the market, however, this fluctuates greatly. There are plenty of rentals on the market as any internet search will show.

As for the future population growth, the statistics presented by this rezoning "information" are way off, at 95,000! This city will lose population within the next 20 years due to the huge senior population passing away. This will not be replaced by any great numbers. The projected increase has been realistically estimated to be 12,000. This would be permanent residents, not the student population. (While the University of Michigan has projected the need for an additional 2,500 students per year over the next number of years, to replace the lack of federal funding, this population is not living in our neighborhoods to any significant

degree. Most students live on campus or directly adjacent to campus. The rentals in this location are available and have vacancies.)

There are plenty of empty office buildings that could be refitted to house renters. We do not need to tear down beautiful houses in beautiful neighborhoods to house students. I maintain that keeping the neighborhoods to single and duplex housing is sensible for now and for the foreseeable future.

Another major concern is the projected development of shopping malls in long established family neighborhoods! This is an appalling idea. For example, to destroy beautiful park land such as that near Leslie Nature Preserve and Argo Park is wrong in so many ways. The nature trails above Cloverdale Road have high usage for bikes, pedestrians, birders, and are important, and were in fact created, to be a noise and air pollution barrier from M14. To destroy this would be destructive to these very nice and well maintained neighborhoods.

All of the people I have spoken to personally, about 30 so far, are opposed to this rezoning plan.

I realize the City of Ann Arbor wants more tax revenue. I do not think destroying our beautiful city, which is what this plan would do, is worth it. I am pleading for the Planning Commission to reconsider this plan. We do not need more foreign equity firms owning our private land, either.

Thank you for reading this letter.

Sincerely,

Linda Peck

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