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Information is being circulated on a rushed, top-down decision to implement new residential zoning for the City of Ann Arbor as soon as this summer.

Throughout the process of drafting the Land Use Plan, future zoning changes were promised to be transparent and deliberate, with attention paid to things like setbacks, graded maximum heights, and maintaining neighborhood character - all of which would be summarily discarded if residential zoning were dramatically changed in just a matter of weeks.

My feeling is that this proposal to immediately amend zoning is rushed and poorly conceptualized, and I urge the Planning Commission to make good on their promise of gradual changes and robust public input over a time period of the next several years - not several months.

Thank you,

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