

Subject: Zoning for the Old Fourth Ward

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To the Ann Arbor Planning Commission

As a long-term resident of the Old Fourth Ward, I would like to request that you rethink the idea that our area should be assigned transitional zoning under the Comprehensive Plan. This neighborhood is essentially residential and structures the kind and size of those likely allowed in transitional zoning, as well as light industrial structures, are not suitable for this neighborhood. I understand that the historic district zoning would offer some protection, but those guidelines are not specific and being put into transitional zoning would leave a primarily residential area vulnerable to incompatible uses. I also understand that our neighborhood is not a good candidate for increased density, not because it is zoned one way or the other, but because it is already densified by the increase of residents in many structures that were originally single-family homes but are now student rentals. Just because it is now R4,C which allows more density than many residential areas, is no reason to zone it transitional.

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