

**Subject:** Comprehensive plan

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Hello Erica, Jenn, planning commission, rest of council, and Mayor Taylor,

I just wanted to drop a note to say how much I appreciate the work that you have done on the comprehensive plan and that I wholeheartedly support it.

After the passage of the fair housing act we have not built enough to get to the size of population we really need to be a diverse and vibrant community. I don't think that is a coincidence. I think we built primarily single family and student dwellings as a direct response to the fact that we couldn't have racist covenants, and yes I am aware that the city passed a fair housing ordinance before the federal act. Our support of keeping things as is, making sure we are mostly zoned single family, I believe, was a blow back to integration and has had devastating consequences for our city.

We need tens of thousands of additional people living in this city. We need our teachers, social workers, nurses, and police to be able to live here. Until just recently I was a University of Michigan lecturer and was well on my way to losing my home of 25 years to repairs and taxes I can't afford (got a rare NIH career grant and now have adult pay!). My son is sitting on a pretty sizable chunk of savings but he can't buy anything in Ann Arbor.

The council and mayor will be remembered for having the courage to take on our exclusionary zoning and for diversifying our city. You were voted in by the majority for precisely this but I expect you are getting a lot of email that says you are doing the worst possible this to Ann Arbor. Don't believe them! Stick with it! Your voters voted for this!

Thanks for all you do!

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