

**Subject:**

Please -- Pause the Comprehensive Land Use Plan

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**From:** Andrea Bare**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2025 2:50 PM**To:** Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>; City Council <CityCouncil@a2gov.org>**Subject:** Please -- Pause the Comprehensive Land Use Plan

Dear Planning Commission and City Council Members of Ann Arbor,

Thank you for the work that you each do to make Ann Arbor a great place to live. Developing responsible policy is hard work, and I understand the many competing needs and incentives. I am writing as a resident, homeowner, and taxpayer at 401 S. Revena Blvd, in Ward 5.

I have significant concerns about the pending Comprehensive Land Use Plan. I oppose this plan as currently drafted and urge you to pause it and do the work that is warranted and that residents deserve.

This plan, as presented, has several flaws and does not serve the city, current, or future residents well. There are notable gaps in the assumptions, data collection, and analyses, as well as a dramatic lack of public information and engagement. Insufficient work has been completed to advance something of this magnitude. Building four-story multi-dwelling housing within already congested neighborhoods with mostly full street parking, inadequate infrastructure, and poorly supported positioning, claiming this will create 'affordable' housing, is disingenuous and irresponsible. I am not opposed to light density increases. I already live in an area with duplexes and multi-family housing, and I am good with that! I also know that we need continued work on solutions. As written, this is a plan to benefit developers and not all the other constituencies.

The lack of public awareness and engagement about this Comprehensive Land Use Plan and the pace of advancing this is a significant concern. Clear and dedicated efforts should be made to communicate with Ann Arbor residents on a change of this magnitude. Particularly, we must note the highly uncertain times we are experiencing at the federal level, which are affecting local people and our local economy, the University of Michigan, funding, and so many related topics. Conditions have changed since work on this plan was initiated, so even assumptions that might have been supportable 12 months ago are certainly not defensible now. Please take the time to work with the community in a meaningful way.

Sincerely,  
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