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Comprehensive City Plan Feedback - STRONG OPPOSITION

From: Adam Linkner**Sent:** Monday, March 3, 2025 3:16 PM**To:** Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>**Subject:** Comprehensive City Plan Feedback - STRONG OPPOSITION

Good afternoon. My name is Adam Linkner and I grew up in Ann Arbor, my wife grew up in Ann Arbor, we live in Ann Arbor (in the Burns Park neighborhood), and we are raising a child in Ann Arbor. I am writing to provide my strong opposition to the proposed low rise residential plan that would cover much of the areas typically zoned as R1 or R2.

While I recognize the desire for more housing availability in Ann Arbor, I strongly opposed the plan to broadly remove the R1/R2 zoning from historic Ann Arbor neighborhoods such as Ann Arbor Hills, Burns Park, Old West Side, and Water Hill. The historic homes in these neighborhoods that abut downtown Ann Arbor are what give Ann Arbor much of the charm, neighborhood feel, and beauty that make it great. Tearing down single-family homes to build 4-story (or 3-story) apartments and condos in these neighborhoods would be devastating. And since these neighborhoods abut downtown (and the student neighborhoods), there is more serious risk that developers will simply buy up homes, tear them down for new multi-unit houses, and negatively impact the neighborhoods.

If the planning commission is going to allow additional development through zoning changes then it should be targeted (e.g. along main roads, in corridors that already have many multi-unit buildings), and not a broad change to remove the single family zoning from entire historic neighborhoods.

While very few people are aware of the proposal, each and every person in these historic neighborhoods that I have spoken to about it STRONGLY OPPOSE the plan. The opposition has been uniform and universal -- not a single such person wants this plan to be approved. Please do not approve removing the single-family zoning from these old neighborhoods that are walking distance to downtown. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Adam Linkner