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Subject: Support for Comprehensive Land Use Plan as it is
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Dear Ann Arbor Planning Commission, Council Member Briggs, and Council Member Cornell,

I am writing to support the Comprehensive Land Use Plan as is, and urging you to please not create a new Residential subcategory with a 3-unit maximum. Instead, keep the Residential category undivided without unit limits. We are in a housing crisis, and we need to maintain flexibility in the future if we hope to make this an Ann Arbor for All.

As a constituent and owner of a single family home in Ward 5, I am in favor of creating more housing options throughout the city so that more people and income levels can live within the city. We are among the fortunate few to be able to afford a modest home in the city, but for years we had to move from apartment to apartment because of rent increases and a lack of options in the city. We have also seen friends have to relocate outside the city and region due to its unaffordability. We want more people to be able to afford our city, and look forward to the new types of neighborhoods, services, and walkability to these services a denser city with housing options will create.

If small apartment buildings were allowed in residential neighborhoods, I would be excited to welcome more neighbors to support the business and services that could be created in a more mixed-used, more densely populated neighborhood. Ann Arbor only became a great example of a walkable city for some neighborhoods because it allowed multifamily housing, rentals, and mixed-uses for commercial/businesses in residential areas. It would be a shame to get stuck in an exclusive, wealthy-only status quo that benefits only a few who have happened to financially benefit from Ann Arbor's historical growth through the current value of their properties (and now don't want others to be able to afford what they themselves have), when there is demand from so many more to live here and benefit our community.

Allowing more types of housing throughout Ann Arbor is crucially important and every delay has real impacts and long term impacts for fixing this huge problem. Please don't add further limits on what housing we allow.

Thank you,

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