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Subject: Support for rezoning 2525 Ann Arbor Saline Rd., Project Number RES-PROJ24-004
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Sent: Monday, April 15, 2024 12:46 AM
To: Eyer, Jen <JEyer@a2gov.org>; Akmon, Dharma <DAkmon@a2gov.org>
Cc: Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>
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To Council Members Akmon and Eyer,

I am a resident of Ann Arbor's 4th ward and would like to express my SUPPORT for rezoning the parcel at 2525 Ann Arbor Saline Rd. from O (office) to R4E (residential). This is Project Number RES-PROJ24-0004.

Recently in the area flyers have been posted encouraging residents to oppose this change and I cannot more strongly disagree with them. Currently the lot is sitting empty. It's useful real estate and, as private land, isn't even enjoyable as a field to the public. I understand that it could be used for office construction, but in the wake of covid office spaces have been in low demand nationwide. This means that office construction there is unlikely. What is NOT in low demand in Ann Arbor, as you are certainly both well-aware, is housing. The proximity of this lot to multiple grocery stores and other businesses make it a logical place to put apartments. It's also near several other apartment and condo communities so it would fit right in with the surroundings. I don't expect 225 units to have a huge impact on rental prices but any little bit added to the supply should help keep them from rising faster. Ann Arbor needs more housing and blocking this plan to do so would be to the detriment of the populace. Doubly so if the blocking is due to a zoning restriction that isn't really relevant at this location. For these reasons I hope that you both will support rezoning the parcel.

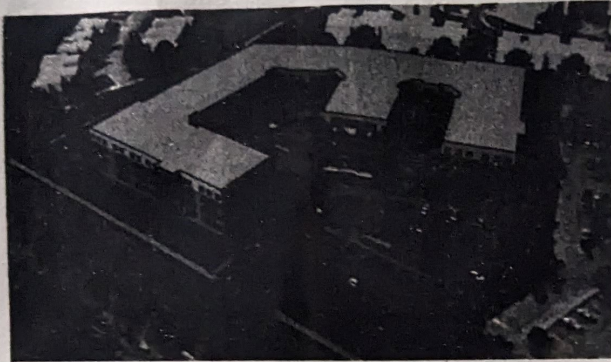
Additionally, I've attached a picture of the flyer, in case you haven't seen it. As a person who rents their home in this area it is, quite frankly, insulting. Stating that apartment-renters will "destroy existing businesses" or "harm the safety of our residential community" makes no sense and reeks of elitism. What is even more tone-deaf is that this flyer was posted in an apartment community. Please don't let this NIMBY attitude stand in the way of improving our city.

Thank you for your time,

Seth Levine

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STOP the Proposed 5-story 225-unit Apartment Building next to Whole Foods!



Send an email to the Ann Arbor City Council Planning Board (planning@a2gov.org) and the City Council at-large (CityCouncil@a2gov.org) and **state your opposition to the rezoning of this parcel from O (office) to R4E (residential). Include the address 2525 Ann Arbor Saline Rd. and Project Number: RES-PROJ24-0004.**

This project is one of several proposed apartment developments within a 1 to 2-mile radius of our community. Similar to other proposed developments, Project Number: RES-PROJ24-0004, is not affordable, not multi-family (studios, 1 and 2 beds), will destroy existing businesses, will likely be a renter's hotel for sporting events, add to the existing traffic congestion, and will harm the safety our residential community.

Let your voices be heard with an email, or attend the city planning meeting via ZOOM on April 9 or the city council meeting on April 15. **The city council says they want to hear from residents but they don't support resident input on development proposals. In recent years they have limited residential contact of proposed developments to only within 300 feet.** This policy must also be changed as well as their willingness to change zoning restrictions that benefit developers not Ann Arbor residents.

Take a picture of this flyer for yourself and friends and
Save Your Community by emailing ASAP!