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Subject: Downtown Premiums

Hello,

Happy New Year,

I am writing to encourage you to add revising the downtown affordable housing premiums to your work plan this year.

The recent observer article "[The Last High-Rises?](#)" and comments from developers sent to the planning commission both explain how the tighter premiums are preventing new construction.

Given the severe housing shortage in the city, The planning commission should be doing everything it can to make it easier to build new housing.

I have a friend works at the hospital and lives downtown above Buffalo Wild Wings. She shares a two bedroom apartment with two other people and is currently paying around \$800 a month to sleep on the floor of the living room.

There are developers who want to build new housing, which will lower rents and crowding, and ultimately help people like my friend, but the city's policies are preventing developers from fixing the shortage. Please be part of the solution by reversing the planning commission's recent mistake of tightening the premiums, and use the reversal as a chance to allow taller buildings downtown by-right.

I know the planning commission often wants to revise its master plan before making zoning changes, but the premiums were added without changing to the master plan, so there is no reason to delay removing them until after the master plan is revised.

Thank you for your time,

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