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Please find the attached PDF containing my comments re the CLUP for submission to the City Planning Commission meeting on this date.

Thank you,

Bruce Block

To the City Planning Commission:

While the City Council's resolution of July 21, 2025 regarding the draft CLUP advises that a fig leaf be put on an indefensibly undemocratic plan, it at least shows that some of the politicians on City Council can read the room and are beginning to fear for their political futures.

I urge you to seriously consider Council's advice and incorporate the language suggested by Lenart and Bennett in their August 5, 2025, memo.

These suggested changes are unfortunately too little and too late as many have made abundantly clear in written comments to the Planning Commission. It is now apparent that the Commission has decided to plunge ahead with only minor edits to this top-down, developer-friendly plan despite abundant input from Ann Arbor residents over the last several months urging the Commission to slow down and at least attempt to create a CLUP based on community input and accepted practices. For one such input, please reread my memo to the Commission entitled "A Fork in the Road", May 13, 2025.

Although it appears to be increasingly unlikely, I will quote a hopeful phrase from my above-mentioned memo: "the Commission has the opportunity, through true engagement with the residents of the city, to produce a fact-based, well-reasoned, and measured Plan that its citizens can and will support."

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