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Hi planning team!

When we moved from New York to Michigan in 2020, my partner and I landed in Ann Arbor because we wanted to live in a city that was vibrant and walkable—a city that felt like a city, not the boring suburbs. We'll walk 17 minutes through the Old West Side to get a beer at Old Town and then walk a few minutes more to get to the Michigan Theater.

I love moseying over to Argus when I'm out of eggs, and Jefferson Market for lunch, Washtenaw Dairy for dessert. I only wish there was MORE in our neighborhood. More businesses, more duplexes to squeeze in more people to enjoy all of this. I love walking by so many other folks when I'm headed to the library, I love chatting with my neighbors because our homes are so close together. We bring in each others' trash cans when others are on vacation. Seriously, this is a special place to live. If I wanted to live in a quiet neighborhood of giant single-family homes on tidy lots with tons of rules, I'd move to a million other cities in America. There aren't many like this, though.

So keep building! We're here for it.

Thanks for all you do,

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