

Subject: Implementing the comprehensive land use plan

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Dear Council Members and Planning Commissioners,

Thanks for your work over the last couple of years to create a Comprehensive Land Use Plan that has the potential for really starting to affect both our **housing crisis** (which includes both affordability and shortage of units) and our **climate crisis**.

Regarding housing, my adult sons were both born in Ann Arbor and still live here. One still lives with us, and the other has to pay about 50% (!!) of his annual income on rent (and his unit is one of the cheapest rents I've seen). My husband and I are fortunate to own our home in a neighborhood that is within walking & biking distance from campus, our doctors offices, grocery stores, restaurants & cafes. But if we should need to move out of our home as we age and it becomes not sufficiently accessible, we would have a very hard time being able to afford suitable housing in an equally convenient neighborhood.

In terms of the climate crisis, the CLUP goes a long ways toward supporting our A2ZERO carbon neutrality plan. In order to achieve our ambitious goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2030, we need to dramatically reduce our vehicle miles traveled and take advantage of the lower carbon footprint that increased density allows. The CLUP makes both of these goals easier to achieve -- IF we get to work on it right away.

After the CLUP is adopted by City Council, I am strongly in support of immediately starting work on implementing the plan. I urge City Council to bring forth a resolution which directs the Planning Commission to start on the Hub and Transition districts right away. I do not support waiting to make changes until a complete rewrite of the Unified Development Code is done. We cannot afford to wait that long before we start making it easier to build more housing in Ann Arbor. The long delay in updating the CLUP has already set us back. Let's not prolong the crisis by waiting for a multi-year rewrite!

Thanks for considering my views.

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