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Subject: Please give the city wide plan more time- please don't ruin my neighborhood.

Dear Planning Commission,

I am very concerned that my street and neighborhood is being recommended for rezoning in the new city plan, without sufficient input from the people it will affect the most. We live on Kellogg St., which is a dead end street off of Pontiac Trail. We were very happy to purchase a home in a neighborhood that included economically diverse residences, including apartments, townhouses, section 8 housing and detached single family residences. It is a pleasant neighborhood near the river. We have mostly lost the use of the riverside park, Argo, on the weekends since the city decided to advertise the Cascades to a multi-state area, but we still appreciate the relative peace we have found living here and the many friends we have made. Now we seem to be in a position of having to fight the inappropriate zoning that the planning commission is insisting on putting through, but we are begging for a less adversarial process where the planning commission would slow down and take the time to gather input and achieve something more like consensus for what is supposed to be a shared vision of our city, and not a top down insistence on enormous changes that make people afraid and upset and threatened. This is how our federal government is currently working. I hope that we can do better at the local level.

In short- our neighborhood of low rise apartments, townhomes and modest single family homes should be not be zoned to more than 3 stories. Do not ruin our neighborhood, and do not turn it over to developers to reshape as they wish. Listen to the people most affected. This is our home. Please slow down this process and let's have a real, city-wide consensus, even if it doesn't align with the commission's preferences. Many of us care deeply about affordable and low-income housing- we would like to find solutions to the housing problems as citizens working together and not as adversaries whose homes and neighborhoods are under threat from developers who care nothing about us.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Camino