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Hello,

I am an Ann Arbor resident and I am writing to support the comprehensive plan.

I am an older graduate student, and when I moved to Ann Arbor from San Francisco I didn't want to live in student housing, I wanted to be part of the community. I was shocked to find that I was being asked to pay a huge amount for frankly substandard housing.

It's wild to me that in a city in the midwest, with so much room in every direction, so little housing has been built. In San Francisco it's a little understandable, since you're on a peninsula. What is the excuse here? While I've lived here I've seen new suburban developments with big single family homes I can't afford, a bunch of high-rise buildings with apartments aimed at undergrads that I also can't afford, and a bunch of very expensive condos that I also can't afford. What I haven't seen is any effort to develop a housing stock of the kind you find in most cities (for example Chicago) - low to middle income smaller apartment buildings that give the feel of a home, but are efficient and affordable - I'm thinking small three story buildings with about 6 units or so.

I really hope this plan can make some movement in the right direction for Ann Arbor. Ann Arbor basically has room for the rich, for dual income families, and for undergraduate students. As a single person in my late 30s, I'm basically counting the days until I can get the hell out of here.

Thanks for your time,
Katie Waddle