

DRAFT SUPPORT LETTER

City of Ann Arbor Planning Commission
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The Honorable Marcia Fudge
Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
451 7th Street S.W.,
Washington, DC 20410

RE: City of Ann Arbor Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing Grant Application

Dear Secretary Fudge,

I write in support of the City of Ann Arbor's grant application for the Department of Housing and Urban Development Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing program. As a representative of the City of Ann Arbor Planning Commission, we support efforts to increase the number of accessible and available housing units in our community.

The City of Ann Arbor is seeking this federal grant funding to update economic equity analyses, contribute to activities and recommendations in the City's comprehensive plan, and improve efficiency in our housing approaches. Specific work will also support modifications and analysis of the City's Transit Corridor zoning district to enable more housing development in the City. The City will review barriers to affordable housing due to inefficient procedures, design review processes, inadequate amenities, climate resiliency, and market conditions.

Ann Arbor and the surrounding county area suffers from an acute lack of affordable housing, largely due to production of new units not meeting increasing demand. Our community wishes to utilize the PRO Housing program to remove barrier to affordable housing and invest in high-opportunity neighborhoods.

The City of Ann Arbor is eager to forge a new affordable, sustainable, and equitable vision of the City's future and the PRO Housing grant will contribute to that vision. The Planning Commission looks forward to our role in implementing Comprehensive Plan recommendations that are adopted to advance needed housing development in our community.

Sincerely,

Donnell Wyche, Secretary
City of Ann Arbor Planning Commission