

Subject: Proposed comprehensive land plan for the city

From: Linda Dabrowski
Sent: Saturday, March 1, 2025 11:10 AM
To: Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>
Subject: Fwd: Proposed comprehensive land plan for the city

Hi,

Please see my email below to my city council residents and the mayor.

My name is Linda Dabrowski, and I've lived in Ann Arbor since 1997. I've owned two homes here. I love the city and the quality of life it provides.

Your proposal would destroy all of that.

-Linda Dabrowski
1202 Brooklyn Ave

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From: **Linda Dabrowski**
Date: Sat, Mar 1, 2025 at 11:07 AM
Subject: Re: Proposed comprehensive land plan for the city
To: <JEyer@a2gov.org>, <DAkmon@a2gov.org>
Cc: <CTaylor@a2gov.org>

Okay, and sorry, one more thing.

This comment from Kirk Westphal:

“More so than any city council I’ve seen in the past 20 years, there is an enthusiasm to accommodate the needs of students and renters like never before,” Westphal said. “There’s a pretty solid recognition that although renters have a shorter tenure in general in the city as a group they are just as important as homeowners ... so it’s really heartening to see students and other renters coming to Planning Commission and advocating for the people who will inevitably come after them.”

Just no. Housing students is the responsibility of the University of Michigan. And they have done a deplorable job of managing this. Short term renters are in no way as important as homeowners and long term renters. We (homeowners and long term residents) are here for the long haul. The motivation and interests of student renters versus homeowners and long term renters/residents are completely different. We should in no way pander to the needs of student renters. And I have a student renter.

On Sat, Mar 1, 2025 at 11:02 AM Linda Dabrowski wrote:

Hi Jen and Dharma,

I am 800 million percent opposed to any plan that ends single family zoning in the city of Ann Arbor. I specifically chose to live in my current home and neighborhood because it is a city neighborhood, close to city "stuff", in an actual home, with other actual houses next to me. The idea of a "low rise multi story" building next to my two story home is absolutely abhorrent. I have already experienced what happens when an older home is torn down to make way for a larger, newer home. And it's not great. The house next door was a 1.5 story cape cod. In its place is a 2+ story home that blocks sunlight from the eastern side of our house, and the home extends farther back in the backyard, leading to flooding in my own tiny backyard (because there's less room for water to go) and again, blocked views and less sunlight.

My neighborhood is already suffering from encroachment from U-M student renters. To be clear, I have nothing against renters, but I am against student renters, who are generally noisy (loud parties late into the night), messy (red cups, trash, unkept yards), and disrespectful (I have personally visited the home of an elderly woman who was terrified (her words) to go in her backyard because of the profanity and noise of her student neighbors).

I'm sympathetic to the cost of housing (it's high, I know) and the desire of people to find homes. And you can call it NIMBY-ism, but I call it not having my neighborhood destroyed to support affordable housing. There are other solutions including developers actually building homes that people can afford, as opposed to the huge houses that I see going up all around the city.

I will not have the property value of the home that I LOVE, and my quality of life in a city that I love, destroyed.

-Linda Dabrowski
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