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Dear Planning Commissioners,

Thank you for the extensive work you've put into developing the Comprehensive Plan. As City Council has stated repeatedly over many years, Ann Arbor faces a housing crisis, and the community is looking to this plan to help address it. Of course we all know, the plan won't help anyone until it is implemented.

The memorandum from Commissioner Adams lays out the statutory groundwork for promptly implementing the new plan better than I could. I am writing to emphasize that many residents strongly support moving quickly to revise our policies and processes so that the vision of the Comprehensive Plan can begin to take effect.

While I am not a planner or developer, I have tried to educate myself by following Planning Commission discussions, reading the UDC, reviewing comprehensive plans from other communities, and learning from resources published by the American Planning Association. From that perspective, the approach outlined in Commissioner Adams' memo makes sense.

In particular, I hope the Commission will prioritize extensive rezonings in 2026. If rezonings in Hub areas and near-Transition zones take significant time to accomplish, it will be difficult to meet the goals laid out in the Implementation Matrix and to meaningfully address Ann Arbor's housing needs in the near term.

I encourage the Commission to ask staff to begin drafting zoning changes as soon as possible. Whether through Commissioner Adams' proposal or another approach, the important thing is to begin the work promptly and ensure that it is ambitious enough to produce real results.

Thank you for your time and for your continued work on these important issues.

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