

**Subject:** Historic District Wording for the Comprehensive Plan

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Hello Planning Commissioners:

I strongly urge you to adopt the following language to replace the changes you have made to the paragraph regarding historic districts on page 60 of the revised comprehensive plan:

"Historic district boundaries will be maintained, and development will continue to adhere to the existing standards and design guidelines approved by the Historic District Commission. The City's fifteen historic districts are legally protected with the purpose of preserving the city's buildings and places of cultural and historical significance for future generations, an outcome of decades of legislative actions by the city. To learn more about Historic Districts and Ann Arbor's past, take the Smart Tours on the Ann Arbor District Library website at <https://aadl.org/a2st> and visit Ann Arbor's Bicentennial website at <https://www.a2gov.org/ann-arbor-bicentennial/>."

Ann Arbor's historic districts are the story and the heart of this city. Treating them with anything other than wholehearted support dismisses their importance and the central role they play in the continuing, dynamic life of the city.

Respectfully,

Julie Ritter

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"Consciously apply mystery to everything." - Tiokasin Ghosthorse, Lakota elder