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Planning Commission and City Council:

As a resident and homeowner in Ann Arbor Ward 5 for over 20 years, I am deeply concerned about the talked about plan for rezoning the neighborhood. My concern includes Miller Rd. Miller/Dexter/Maple corridors as well as the residential neighborhoods. Upon graduating from The University of Michigan- i moved away to cities such as San Francisco and Los Angeles. After several years, the traffic, the busyness, the dirtiness etc. prompted me to move back to a more peaceful lifestyle, yet in an area still bustling with culture, diversity and local non commercialized opportunities.

Seeing what has happened with our downtown by way of the city council, the planning commission and the mayor causes great concern that the same could happen within my own neighborhood. ie: the unsightly multi unit buildings overtaking the landscape, lack of respect for the environment (treetown), little to no uniqueness in the downtown space, the crime, the levels of homelessness (which will not change due to the new construction- in fact more people brings more problems) Not to mention the lack of transparency on this issue alone is astounding.

This plan does NOT reflect the majority of the community's vision. Your council and officials actually work for us, the community. You were voted to institute OUR plans- not yours. I encourage, beg, whatever it takes for you to pause the plan. I really am not looking to move in order to find a community that constitutes what Ann Arbor once did.

I look forward to hearing your response.

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