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To: Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>

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Dear planning commission,

I'm writing to urge you to support a comprehensive plan that encourages growth, new building, more housing, and mixed-use in our community.

I know you've been hearing from residents who are worried about the plan and are afraid it will change their beloved Ann Arbor. Please know there are other residents - myself included - who equally love Ann Arbor and are excited to see it grow and evolve.

I've lived in this community for 16 years. I spent 7 of those just outside city limits in the township, and moved back into the city in 2018. A big part of the draw was the walkability, denser neighborhoods, and quite frankly the diversity of housing and therefore the diversity of people living in that housing in the neighborhood where we landed. Our block has teachers, social workers, business people, University staff and faculty, architects, writers, and more! As Ann Arbor housing gets more and more expensive, I'm afraid these kinds of neighborhoods will become a thing of the past. Keeping up with housing growth is an important solution to keep a diversity of people living here.

Mixed use zoning is also so important. Walking to shops, cafes, and service businesses is a huge draw in my neighborhood. You'll hardly find an OWS home listing that doesn't highlight "walk to Jefferson Market" or "walk to Washtenaw Dairy" or "walk to Argus Farm Stop"! Now, imagine how great it would be if there were more on that list, and more neighborhoods that could brag about the local spot you can walk to.

Thank you in advance for considering.

Best,

Shoshannah Lenski

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