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In support of more housing and letting downtown grow

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Good morning,

Since you are beginning to review Chapter 5 of the draft Comprehensive Plan tonight, I wanted to offer my thoughts in favor of more housing. Please allow high-rises in the Transition District and include all commercial neighborhoods in the Transition District.

While I understand the instinctive antagonism many people feel toward high-rises, more supply is a crucial element of any attempt to solve the housing crisis. It's important to ensure buildings in the Transition District are *allowed* to grow. Please don't let people sidetrack the discussion into details of what buildings will look like -- that's a conversation for the zoning process to come.

I live in Pittsfield Township and commute via bike, bus, and car into Ann Arbor for work, recreation, dining, etc. If I could afford to, I would certainly live within the city. So I write to you as someone excluded by high housing costs and hoping for an opportunity to be a resident of this vibrant, diverse city in the future. (Even my neighborhood, a formerly affordable one outside city limits, is starting to lose its diversity of age, race, and socioeconomic status as people are pushed further out. This diminishes the quality of life for all.)

More housing of more types in more places is part of the solution. Please lay the foundation for this vision in the Comprehensive Plan.

Thank you!

Katrina Folsom