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Dear Planning Commissioners,

As a 50+ year resident of Ann Arbor, I have a lot of interest and concerns about future development and the Comprehensive Plan.

I participated in the large event at the downtown library for public input , and I spent a long time online adding input. Unfortunately, I found both of these public input opportunities to be very negative experiences, which were not accessible to a lot of people. The library event was absolute mayhem, with too much complex information displayed, too many people, too much noise. While it was good to see residents taking an interest, I know of several people who tried to attend, but left early because of the crowd.

I found the questions asked and the plan visions were often phrased in ways that shaped the responses toward a certain bias (the young-middle age adult) and i believe the needs of whole groups, such as senior citizens, were left out.

I believe **the Commission needs to pause the Comprehensive Plan, and set up more opportunities for public input.** Multiple small group events - at the library branches for specific neighborhoods and associates, for example - with much more publicity and outreach. This is a huge plan, and very few residents know about it.

For the record, even though I currently live in a single family home **I am fully on board with increasing housing density, increasing walkability, and expanding public transit in Ann Arbor. I think you will have much more support for this if you listen to public input and plan accordingly.**

Thank you,

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We have the choice to use the gift of our life to make the world a better place – or not to bother.”— Jane Goodall