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Dear Planning Commission,

You will hear many objections to the draft of the Comprehensive Plan. As a former Councilmember and former Planning Commissioner, I can tell you that I have heard it all before. I have read many of the letters sent to you by residents. They say that there has not been a chance for public input. That is untrue. They say that you want to destroy neighborhood character. That is untrue. They say students will overwhelm neighborhoods. That is untrue. People are understandably fearful when government proposes changes. But **doing nothing is not an option**. Many of these residents do not understand that the Comprehensive Plan is merely a framework. We can not possibly go forward without a plan. We have to plan for incremental changes that will improve affordability, fairness, and quality of life. Please keep that in mind as you move forward with this important framework that will lead us to a future instead of just musing about our past.

Best regards,

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