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Hello Planning Commision,

My neighbors in Lower Burns Park have been thoroughly discussing our different viewpoints on the proposed changes in the Comprehensive Plan within our neighborhood's Google Group.

There are many folks concerned about ending single family zoning. However, I am not one of them. In fact, I welcome increased density and sharing this lovely area with others.

I'm concerned about exclusionary practices that some neighbors fought for ten years ago and want to keep. **At our current rate, we are on track to become a neighborhood exclusively for millionaires by 2035.** It's a stark reality driven by the escalating cost of exclusionary single-family home zoning.

Ann Arbor and Lower Burns Park need housing of all types, not just student rentals. I have friends that moved to places like Dexter and Canton because they can't afford Ann Arbor despite working here and wanting to raise their kids here. We must ask ourselves: where will essential workers – teachers, nurses, service staff, and tradespeople – live if homes cost 1M? Are we comfortable creating a community that forces these individuals to commute long distances? This is neither sustainable nor equitable.

The proposed changes for Lower Burns Park are not high-rise buildings; they are reasonable, missing middle housing options which are no more than three stories. This height already exists with many homes in our neighborhood. I fully support ending single family zoning in Lower Burns Park and designating the area for low-rise residential.

I hope the upcoming Comprehensive Plan, along with related zoning changes, creates a community that is diverse, vibrant, and sustainable for all.

Thanks,

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