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Dear Planning Commission and City Council,

I am a resident of Ann Arbor since 2002 who lives south of campus/downtown in the neighborhood known as Lower Burns Park, a neighborhood that already hosts a balance of renters, owners, and businesses — a neighborhood that is essential to “livable,” “walkable” Ann Arbor that makes for city's attractive reputation and economic prosperity — but will be heavily impacted by implementation of the Comprehensive Plan.

I ask that you delay approval and take more time to work on the Comprehensive Plan. Not a single person I know in Ann Arbor was aware of the Comprehensive Plan until a February 2025 MLive article published a description of it, and when news was forwarded to our 600-person neighborhood list, many people expressed surprise. The plan has not been publicized enough to say the City has fulfilled its promise to listen to community commentary. Even today on the dedicated webpages to the Plan, it is hard to find any basic description/documentation of the plan, only supplemental material and descriptions that are from calendar year 2024. The “starter” page just loops back to the Plan’s start page.

Please make the Comprehensive Plan more accessible and add more and better-publicized opportunities for question and comment before issuing any decision on it.

Sincerely,

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