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Hello,

I am writing in support of Commissioner Adams' proposal setting timelines and guidelines to begin implementation of the Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Adams' proposal provides a clear path forward to rezoning the least contentious zones set out by the Comp Plan, targets the areas that would bring the most new housing, and sets clear timeframes for this work.

We urgently need more housing in the city. Many will say- as they did during the CLUP process- that we should slow things down. But there are many more that don't have the luxury of waiting. We can see this in the massive backlog of applicants for affordable housing through the Ann Arbor Housing Commission as well as the Community Land Trust.

While we wait for rezoning and subsequent development, many will be pushed out of the city due to the high cost of housing. This will surely have cascading effects on other parts of our county, as those who cannot afford Ann Arbor will push out residents in lower income areas due to their proximity to Ann Arbor.

Focusing on the Hub areas will allow us to temper one of our most impactful housing markets- students. As student high-rises go up, homes throughout the city are freed up. We can see anecdotal evidence of landlords owning less desirable properties being forced to improve their properties or lower rents, particularly those renting to students. We also know that these properties generate disproportionately high tax revenues per acre, benefitting the city and residents.

Further, as development continues in the townships due to lack of supply in Ann Arbor, more greenfield will be lost, and car-centric development will be locked into place for generations to come. As climate change accelerates, we cannot afford to lose these areas to sprawling suburbs resulting from our unwillingness to act on a plan that we spent years working on. We also cannot afford to continue to lock families into car dependency, further exacerbating the cost of living crisis for many.

While the changes called for in the plan are good, we as a city should have been making them decades ago.

Please don't delay and support Commissioner Adams' plan.

Finally, please support the Community Land Trust's proposed amendments and allow them to go further in the good work they are doing to provide affordable family housing.

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