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Comprehensive Plan Feedback - Pause the Plan


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Pause the city's comprehensive plan. The infrastructure improvements required for this drastic increase in housing is going to add even more to our outrageously high property taxes. The only people who seem to benefit from this plan are developers. Current property owners will only be burdened and forced to sell, probably to more developers and investors who will be the only ones who can afford the high prices. If this plan actually helped to provide affordable housing, our community would get behind this. But I see nothing in this plan that will actually help make things more affordable and only make things more expensive for property owners. Pause the plan and get community input. How will infrastructure be funded and improved? How will housing be more affordable?


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 **The City's Plan Ignores Facts:** The proposed Comprehensive Plan ignores expert projections and data entirely, and is woefully deficient as both an American Planning Association sustainable city planning document and in meeting Michigan legal requirements.

 **The City's Plan Burdens Vulnerable Residents:** Public works staff warn of billions in unfunded infrastructure costs. The resulting tax and utility hikes would force out fixed-income seniors, low-wage workers—the very people this plan claims to help.

 **The City's Plan Ignores Science:** Only 2% participated in a poll the City admits "was not designed to be statistically representative." No safeguards against gaming. Students, newer residents, and low-income voices are missing. No mailed notices when planning began. The City's evidence for reshaping every neighborhood? 270 anonymous people saying they'd like to live here.

 **The City's Plan Is To Sell the Golf Courses & Nature Areas:** The Plan's second draft omits 484 acres of public parkland from its inventory. These deliberate exclusions based on manipulated data could clear a path for removing Charter protections and opening parks to development.