

Subject: Planning Meeting - ReZoning Comments

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To: Planning <Planning@a2gov.org>
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Dear Planning Commission:

I've lived in Ann Arbor for 47 years. I purchased my home at 1437 Kensington in 1992, had my wedding in the backyard in 1996, raised my 26 year old daughter here, and plan to retire in it.

I intentionally purchased it because it was a single-family home with a garden, in a quiet neighborhood, on a tree-lined street, with like-minded neighbors and because it was strategically located to downtown and my workplace at UM; along with it being a bike-able neighborhood and near bus routes and shopping areas. It was the only affordable housing in Ann Arbor for me, a 34-year old at the time who worked two jobs to save for a down payment. I am grateful for my Ann Arbor community, the oasis it is, and for my neighbors and this neighborhood that I love.

I am opposed to zoning R1 and R2 neighborhoods into low-rise zoning.

I walk in this neighborhood daily and it is very peaceful. That would no longer be the case if a multiplex is built on Tremmel, Rosewood, and Harpst. It would no longer be peaceful surroundings. The charm of my neighborhood would be gone. I'd feel nervous to walk around here any more, with high traffic, street-filled parked cars on narrow streets. It wouldn't feel familiar and will no longer be a quiet place to walk and offer solace as it has for over 30 years.

Our neighborhood of single-families is friendly, connected; more than half the residents have been living here over 20+ years and we have cultivated a special community....to destroy this lifestyle we've created would be devastating to many of us and **I ask that you please do not undo this communal space we continue to nurture and invest in.**

I'm opposed to "low rise residential" zoning. Our neighborhood streets and infrastructure cannot accommodate the Lockwood or Davis builds and the increase in traffic and parking, would be disruptive, the tree line and sight lines would be obstructed and create loss to not only trees and wildlife but to the value of our home and investments and retirement plans.

Multiplexes are not for cultivated communal neighborhoods, they interfere with the natural, neighborly flow of human connection.

Upzoning this neighborhood cause a lot of upset to the residents who have invested their time, lives, savings, and have plans to retire in this community as we know and love it.

Thank you for your consideration,

Lisa Johnson