

Subject: support housing

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Hello,

I am writing to express my support for the Planning Commission and City Council in their efforts to address the housing shortage and to undo the [harms of exclusionary zoning](#).

I have lived in the Burns Park neighborhood for 30 years, and have witnessed its becoming increasingly prohibitive for all but people with substantial existing wealth to move in.

I worked for 10 years for the Washtenaw County Public Health Department's Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP), a home visiting program for pregnant women and their infants who are on Medicaid, which made me keenly aware of the housing struggles of families who live outside of the bubble of our single family neighborhoods. HAWC (Housing Access of Washtenaw County) has had to turn away my MIHP clients who have sought assistance while homeless and pregnant, as long as they have a couch in someone's home to sleep on, due to the severe shortage and costs of housing.

My three adult sons, and the adult children of many of our friends, are struggling to afford housing in cities throughout the country. I am so very grateful that the Planning Commission and City Council are working so hard to address this issue in Ann Arbor.

Best,
Becky Skidmore