

Subject: Free Market Housing

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Hello Planning Commission,

That subject line is a little joke. I tend to hear certain folks support government controls only when it might help their own home value increase, and keep their city preserved in amber.

I'm writing to ask you to allow for more housing—of all kinds and in all places—across Ann Arbor. Perhaps not as the market demands, but as the community needs.

Myself and my family need improved safety and less travel time when walking, biking, and taking transit. Those are the ways that we like to get around, but it sometimes takes too long and feels a bit too dangerous (though it has slowly been improving - thank you!)

I would like to see more housing built near the things that I need on a daily basis - work, groceries, gym; maybe even a nice little corner cafe?

Am I thinking too European? Some might say so. But they do seem to live a pretty nice life over there in Amsterdam. And there I see a lot of different kinds of housing all mixed together, within a short walk to work, groceries, etc.

So, yes, that's what I want.

I recently bought a house in Ann Arbor. I don't mind much if the value goes up or down. I just want to live a good life, in a good community, and I want the same for my neighbors. And that means building the things that people need near where they live - and vice versa!

Thank you for doing the work that you are doing to help our residents get what we need!

Sincerely,

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