

Subject: Pause the Comprehensive Plan

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Dear Planning Commission:

I am very concerned with the Comprehensive Plan in the form that's currently being pushed. It's insufficient and will bring a negative impact and blight to our unusual neighborhoods and communities.

The visual and building quality that would be allowed through this plan, including how the buildings (not homes) fit into our fabulous neighborhoods, lack so many guardrails (zoning requirements) that have governed the real people who inhabit these neighborhoods, have brought community, and have financed Ann Arbor for decades. This plan lacks involvement of local builders and from people who know and care about this community -- long before many of you were even here. The councils appear to have deliberately kept the plan under wraps from residents by not informing us in a public manner and by not seeking public input in early stages, which is your duty in the elected position you hold.

Ultimately, this plan lacks vision and will leave Ann Arbor a poorer and less interesting place to live. We already see that with some of the unsightly and cheap buildings that now dot our skyline, having replaced beautiful and interesting historical buildings and spaces.

Progress has many ways to be measured. Don't make your legacy as an elected official about making Ann Arbor a statistic -- like the rest of America.

Sincerely,
Chiara Barbier
Ann Arbor Resident