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Subject: Please allow 4-plexes in all residential areas
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Dear City of Ann Arbor Planning Commission,

Oftentimes when people criticize high-rises in downtown, they point to European cities that have high density without high-rises. So it seems ironic to me that some are criticizing solutions that would bring gentle density to residential neighborhoods that are when less dense than what European neighborhoods typically have.

If we are serious about tackling the problems of sprawl, the loss of farmland and open space, air pollution, climate change, and unaffordable housing prices, then we must have more density without our urban areas.

I personally live in one of the cohousing communities in Scio Township (which itself needs to do better on these issues), and I would like Ann Arbor to offer more opportunities like cohousing and dense development.

Please make sure that housing options like 4-plexes, and ideally even denser options, are permitted in all residential areas.

Thank you,
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