

**Subject:**

Request to Expedite Approval Process for Ann Arbor Community Land Trust Homes

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Dear City Council Members,

My name is Anthony DeVee and I'm writing to you this weekend because I'm worried that a home I have reserved through the Ann Arbor Community Land Trust at 1369 Jewett Ave for \$225,000, might not become a reality for another two years due to the city's slow approval process. With how things are going under the Trump Administration, I'm worried I won't be able to afford this home in two years due to tariffs and current economic conditions negatively impacting the cost of home ownership.

Owning a home has been my dream for a long time and as a first generation homebuyer, I feel like this is my only shot in getting a home in Ann Arbor at an affordable price. I've put down roots in Ann Arbor; I was born here, made friends here, and found my amazing job here at the Ann Arbor District Library. It saddens me to think I would have to start over somewhere else just to afford a small home with my income.

Please consider expediting the approval process for the Ann Arbor Community Land Trust and for other affordable housing developments during this time of uncertainty.

Thank you for your time and for all the work you do on behalf of our community.

Sincerely,

Anthony DeVee