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Hello,

I understand I may be straddling the window of time to submit any comments, but I thought it worthwhile anyway. Thank you for your time.

I am in support of the housing element and wish it went further to upzone neighborhoods in critical need of housing in the current housing crisis. I'm very grateful for the Growing MKE team and all the outreach they have performed the varieties of housing types they showcased at the many outreach opportunities show a reflection of Milwaukee's oldest and most cherished neighborhoods and how their success could be applied to breathe new life into vacant lots scattered across the city.

With the recent changes removing triplexes and the conjoined benefit and harm analysis, it seems like the goal was to eliminate 'trade-offs' and find a way to make a plan that would not hurt anyone. This is a mindset that's reasonable when fighting off wholesale forcible demolition of neighborhoods by the government, but in a modern mindset, it's entirely too charitable to take these complaints as legitimate by default. Forget apartments, there is a significant amount of the population that don't think duplexes should be allowed to exist in their neighborhood. There will Always be someone who sees themselves as harmed or inconvenienced by new development, whether it's traffic, shadows, aesthetics, or people they don't like moving into the neighborhood. Rigidly avoiding these things doesn't eliminate harm, it just biases you toward smaller development or none at all, which squeezes the housing market, prices people out, and encourages people to live elsewhere. I lament the neutering of the initial proposal, but know that the proposal will still make small developments and the next increment easier. I urge you to support the proposal. Thank you for your time.

Regards,

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