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Subject: RE: (240402) Comprehensive Planning - Public Hearing 1:30 PM, A substitute ordinance adopting the Growing MKE Plan as the Housing and Neighborhoods Element of the Citywide Policy Plan as part of Milwaukee's Overall Comprehensive Plan, and directing imp...
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President Perez and Chairperson Bauman:

We write to express our concerns regarding the Milwaukee Mayor's Housing Element (formerly known as Growing MKE) plan, specifically the proposed amendments to permit Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) in single-family districts without adequate neighborhood input, and request that you NOT approve it as it stands today. We provide the following comments:

- **Support for transparency:** We commend the city on their initiative where they decelerated the Growing MKE plan and enhanced transparency and public participation, particularly concerning the new R-5 zoning district that necessitates neighborhood scrutiny.
- **Concerns about ADUs:** We contend that the Housing Element (formerly known as Growing MKE) will permit internal ADUs that contradicts previous commitments to safeguard single-family neighborhoods and could result in increased density without community involvement.
- **Impact on neighborhoods:** The Housing Element underscores that many stable neighborhoods, especially those with significant minority populations, are unaware of the potential adverse effects of these zoning changes, which could double density overnight.
- **Call for homeowner input:** We recommend that surveys be distributed by the City to homeowners within the 96 square miles of the City to ascertain their support for the proposed changes, emphasizing that direct input from residents is essential for genuine public participation. This should be done before proceeding.

Sincerely,

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