

## Lee, Chris

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**From:** Bauman, Robert  
**Sent:** Monday, July 7, 2025 9:11 AM  
**To:** Cade Thomas  
**Cc:** Lee, Chris  
**Subject:** Re: Support for the Housing Element Plan

Will add to file.

Sent from my iPad

> On Jul 7, 2025, at 8:46 AM, Cade Thomas <cade.gerlach@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Hello Alderman Bauman,

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> I would like this email to be added to the file.

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> I am writing in support of the Housing Element. While some improvements have been made, I have been heavily disappointed by the removal of the recommendation to make duplexes and triplexes legal city-wide. I am also suspicious of the overlay zones; I think there is a great potential for misuse by wealthier neighborhoods that could result in displacement and the exodus of Milwaukee's young middle class to less wealthy neighborhoods causing further displacement.

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> Nonetheless, though imperfect, I support this plan. It is a step in the right direction that can help address our previous mistakes and move the city in a better direction. It supports higher densities which can provide a number of benefits, chief among them:

> - Lower, more predictable increases in rent for renters

> - Higher quality of units as landlords are forced to compete for tenants

> - The creation of a greater variety of types of housing that are more suitable to an individual or family's needs

> - Higher property tax-per-acre for the city

> - Lower costs to deliver services per person

> - The creation of a larger population to support local businesses

> - The shortening of commute times as people can live closer to job centers

> - A more supportive environment for public transit and biking which can save people money and give people options

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> This is a compromise bill and it's clear that not everyone gets what they want. As such, please support the bill.

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> Much thanks,

> Cade Gerlach