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eComments Report

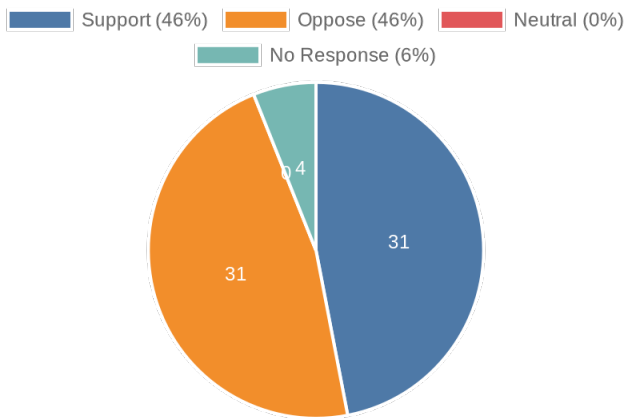
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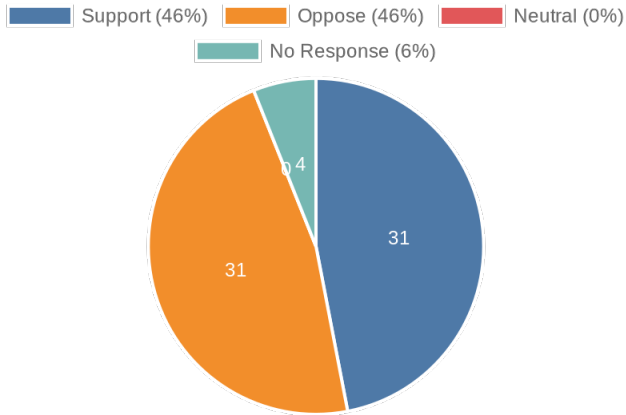
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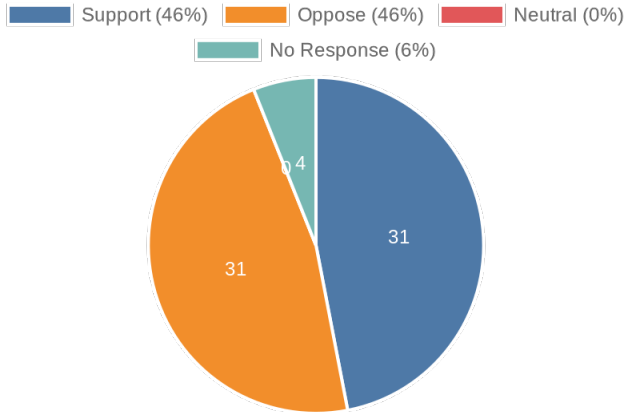
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Overall Sentiment



Nicholas Sideras

Location:
Submitted At: 11:12pm 07-25-24

I'm glad to live in a city that is being proactive with improving our neighborhoods and increasing density to allow more people to live here. I would even support the original plan that allowed for increased housing in more areas, but I do understand that community feedback across the various meetings and office hours did not currently support that direction.

Even with a slightly reduced scope, this plan will help improve housing costs by allowing for an increased housing supply to meet the ever growing demand. This increased supply can, in turn, lead to denser, more affordable neighborhoods that have been proven to lead to better equality and health across their areas. I'm excited to see the way this leads to a better Milwaukee.

Michael Clausing

Location:
Submitted At: 10:42pm 07-25-24

As identified by our mayor Cavalier Johnson, Milwaukee needs more housing and density to help support city, county and state services. Our current zoning code is restrictive, limits our growth, and limits housing supply which has led to some of the fastest growing rents in the country. The Grow MKE plan removes some of the most restrictive zoning, and should increase housing supply which will help keep rents in check. The added tax base will help us pay for much needed services/repairs, and the density will help our already terrific neighborhoods thrive.

I wish we would have kept the plan as originally announced, and not removed the allowed added density, but this is still a positive change.

Additionally, there have been ample opportunities to view the plan, and submit feedback. I attended 3 myself

including an online session.

Semra Schneider

Location:

Submitted At: 10:32pm 07-25-24

Overall, this it's vitally necessary for changes like this to grow Milwaukee!

We need easier mixed-use spaces/new builds that actually build communities.

The number of people in areas of Milwaukee saying they want to keep it "historical" (single family homes, no new builds anywhere near them) are incredibility misguided because they don't realize that businesses have so many restrictions they can't open, stay open, or afford rents. And the only way for areas to stay "historical" and keep businesses is to have people who actually walk and spend money in the neighborhood. Please build them places to live in!

The stats on lack of housing in Milwaukee is incredible detrimental to the growth of the city.

I'm very excited for this plan to be at least a small step in the right direction. It and the other work Mayor Cavailer is putting in place are great and use actual statistics showing how to grow a city. Please keep up the good work and for the love of God stop listening to those who won't let Milwaukee grow because it means they have to walk 20 more feet to their car or stop at one more stop sign. They've been stunting the growth of Milwaukee for too long!

Milwaukee Resident

Dave Re

Location:

Submitted At: 4:02pm 07-25-24

I have concerns with the consequences of increasing density without the necessary guardrails in place. Both the plan, and info sessions have not adequately explained to Milwaukeeans, the downsides of increasing density through zoning changes.

Short term rentals do not improve neighborhoods. These zoning changes will only make Milwaukee more attractive for short term rental investors. While the plan states it will monitor the impact of short term rental, we need to proactively put a plan in place to regulate it before the problem gets worse.

Milwaukee should have a diversity of housing options, but all housing options don't need to exist in every neighborhood. Those of us who chose to live in neighborhoods with single family homes and duplexes don't want higher density options that will add more traffic and non-owner occupied properties. We should encourage denser growth in places that already allow higher occupancy.

We need to protect existing stakeholders and not promote changes that will make our neighborhoods more attractive to out of state investors. A targeted approach to growth will be better than doing so with zoning changes.

Kyle Walker

Location:

Submitted At: 2:40pm 07-25-24

As a downtown resident, I support this plan. I believe in providing a greater variety of housing options for Milwaukee residents, and making it easier for people to walk, bike, or take transit from their homes to where they need to go.

I am disappointed in the removal of the recommendation to allow small multi-family buildings in RT3 and RT4 districts and think it should be restored. I appreciate the work that went into this plan by the DCD, and was glad to be able to attend meetings at the library to better understand it.

Rachel Quednau

Location:

Submitted At: 1:28pm 07-25-24

We are in desperate need of more affordable, accessible housing options in this city, and this plan opens up more opportunities to create that. We should be allowing the people in our community to decide what sort of housing is

needed and to build that, rather than artificially imposing restrictions that freeze our neighborhoods under glass and prevent new people from living here or prevent existing residents from adapting to their changing needs. This plan may not be perfect but it is an important step in the right direction for a growing city.

Henry Butzlaff

Location:

Submitted At: 1:03pm 07-25-24

While I may disagree with some of the changes made to the original draft, I think this is an important step to grow our city and stabilize rent prices by increasing housing supply.

Erick H

Location:

Submitted At: 12:34pm 07-25-24

I hugely support the Growing MKE initiative. We need bold uncompromising land use / housing reform. Skyrocketing rent in hotspots in the city is out of control and driving imbalance. We need to keep our neighborhoods balanced and open to working class and artists creatives to keep the city growing and vibrant. I believe it is hugely disingenuous to state there has not been community outreach already for this. This is a crucial moment for the future of the city.

Markasa Tucker

Location:

Submitted At: 12:10pm 07-25-24

“As a Milwaukee resident deeply invested in the future of our community, I strongly urge the CPC to consider delaying the vote on this plan to prioritize more community outreach and engagement. It is crucial that all voices, especially those from marginalized and underrepresented groups, have the opportunity to be heard and contribute to the decision-making process. By taking additional time to foster inclusive dialogue and understanding, we can ensure that the plan reflects the diverse needs and aspirations of our entire community. Thank you for your consideration.”

John Holtz

Location:

Submitted At: 11:50am 07-25-24

Milwaukee and the surrounding area needs more housing to be built. Rents are high and real estate listings are way down. I support anything we can do to build more housing. We should also make the city more walkable, bikeable, and friendly to children/elderly.

Amber M.

Location:

Submitted At: 11:45am 07-25-24

I fully support the Growing MKE initiative to ensure a variety of housing options for residents. It's important to recognize that not everyone's "American Dream" involves homeownership; for many, renting is the best choice. Additionally, those who do plan to buy a home may not necessarily want a single-family house—they might prefer a duplex, four-family building, or something similar.

I recently moved from a neighborhood where I had lived for about 17 years in a four-family building. Most of my neighbors were over 70, and we all looked out for each other, collecting mail and helping when someone was out of town. It felt like a family. However, the building was sold because the owner retired, and I couldn't find another rental in my neighborhood. As a result, I had to move about four miles away. I miss my neighborhood that has ALL different types of housing: larger apartment buildings, four-family, duplex, townhomes, single family homes--- it was great!

Lets get Milwaukee into the 21st century with an update zoning policy. We're so far behind on other cities it's almost comical.

- A. Miller, City of Milwaukee Resident

Cade Gerlach

Location:

Submitted At: 7:43am 07-25-24

I am a resident of Milwaukee and strongly urge the passing of this proposal. This proposal will increase housing affordability, increase the quantity and types of housing in every part of the city, and it will increase the property tax base. The DCD has done a fantastic job of community outreach the past year. It has hosted many community meetings, office hours, and other forms of community engagement. This plan was also developed in partnership with many community organizations. The time to wait has passed. It is time Milwaukee to act boldly and adopt this plan so future young folks aren't encumbered with the heavy weight of high rents and housing costs.

Gregory Green

Location:

Submitted At: 7:07am 07-25-24

I am a resident of the Midtown community and I urge the CPC to delay this vote. A halt to this plan would allow time for more engagement and input with the underserved communities that may be most impacted by this vote.

Kenya Donovan

Location:

Submitted At: 11:53pm 07-24-24

This is modern day redlining and perpetuates the inequity in Milwaukee among race and socioeconomic status. This initiative is prioritizing out of state individuals over Milwaukee residents. Pause this initiative until you receive direct feedback about the harm you are doing to the community. Milwaukee deserves better!!!

Danell Cross

Location:

Submitted At: 11:45pm 07-24-24

I am writing in opposition to the approval of this draft plan due to the lack of community awareness of a plan that will impact them for decades to come. As Milwaukee embarks on the endeavor to create housing options in primarily the communities where there has been little to no investment and where vacant lots and vacant homes exist in very high numbers due to a lack of investment.

Those most impacted should have been included in this process.

They were not

We know this by the numbers presented for engagement of residents by the MKE Team . We ask that the approval on this plan is halted until community members most impacted can be engaged in an effort to illicit feedback on the proposed changes to our zoning laws.

Fatima Laster

Location:

Submitted At: 11:40pm 07-24-24

"As a Milwaukee resident deeply invested in the future of our community, I strongly urge the CPC to consider delaying the vote on this plan to prioritize more community outreach and engagement. It is crucial that all voices, especially those from marginalized and underrepresented groups, have the opportunity to be heard and contribute to the decision-making process. By taking additional time to foster inclusive dialogue and understanding, we can ensure that the plan reflects the diverse needs and aspirations of our entire community. Thank you for your consideration

Angela Jackson

Location:

Submitted At: 10:43pm 07-24-24

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Mariana Smith-Rivera

Location:

Submitted At: 10:27pm 07-24-24

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Ericka Collins

Location:

Submitted At: 9:06pm 07-24-24

I live in the Midtown community and I heard about this plan from community organizers. I would like this plan to be put on hold until more engagement and input can be received from the communities that will be the most affected by this plan. I oppose the Grow MKE plan that depicts the city's plan to increase the population of already underserved communities. I oppose allowing multi-units to be built in communities that do not have adequate grocery stores, community gathering spaces and that do not have sustainable employment opportunities. I oppose efforts that could impact the safety of people and property, increase traffic and increase the noise levels in these communities. I am against multi-unit housing that would have owners who will not have engagement with or investment in the impacted communities. I am against efforts that will increase property taxes making homeownership burdensome or out of reach for people in these communities.

Gail Lightfoot

Location:

Submitted At: 8:21pm 07-24-24

As a Milwaukee resident deeply invested in the future of our community, I strongly urge the CPC to consider delaying the vote on this plan to prioritize more community outreach and engagement. It is crucial that all voices, especially those from marginalized and underrepresented groups, have the opportunity to be heard and contribute to the decision-making process. By taking additional time to foster inclusive dialogue and understanding, we can ensure that the plan reflects the diverse needs and aspirations of our entire community. Thank you for your consideration.

Catherine Palmer

Location:

Submitted At: 8:19pm 07-24-24

As a Milwaukee resident deeply invested in the future of our community, I strongly urge the CPC to consider delaying the vote on this plan to prioritize more community outreach and engagement. It is crucial that all voices, especially those from marginalized and underrepresented groups, have the opportunity to be heard and contribute to the decision-making process. By taking additional time to foster inclusive dialogue and understanding, we can ensure that the plan reflects the diverse needs and aspirations of our entire community. Thank you for your consideration.

Talibah Mateen-Hooper

Location:

Submitted At: 8:19pm 07-24-24

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Gail Crockett

Location:

Submitted At: 8:09pm 07-24-24

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Joann Johnson

Location:

Submitted At: 8:05pm 07-24-24

As a Milwaukee resident deeply invested in the future of our community, I strongly urge the CPC to consider delaying the vote on this plan to prioritize more community outreach and engagement. It is crucial that all voices, especially those from marginalized and underrepresented groups, have the opportunity to be heard and contribute to the decision-making process. By taking additional time to foster inclusive dialogue and understanding, we can ensure that the plan reflects the diverse needs of the community

Marion Ross

Location:

Submitted At: 8:00pm 07-24-24

As a Milwaukee resident deeply invested in the future of our community, I strongly urge the CPC to consider delaying the vote on this plan to prioritize more community outreach and engagement. It is crucial that all voices, especially those from marginalized and underrepresented groups, have the opportunity to be heard and contribute to the decision-making process. By taking additional time to foster inclusive dialogue and understanding, we can ensure that the plan reflects the diverse needs and aspirations of our entire community. Thank you for your consideration.

Darcell Smith

Location:

Submitted At: 7:59pm 07-24-24

As a Milwaukee resident deeply invested in the future of our community, I strongly urge the CPC to consider delaying the vote on this plan to prioritize more community outreach and engagement. It is crucial that all voices, especially those from marginalized and underrepresented groups, have the opportunity to be heard and contribute to the decision-making process. By taking additional time to foster inclusive dialogue and understanding, we can ensure that the plan reflects the diverse needs and aspirations of our entire community. Thank you for your consideration

Carolyn Jackson

Location:

Submitted At: 7:56pm 07-24-24

As a Milwaukee resident deeply invested in the future of our community, I strongly urge the CPC to consider delaying the vote on this plan to prioritize more community outreach and engagement. It is crucial that all voices, especially those from marginalized and underrepresented groups, have the opportunity to be heard and contribute to the decision-making process. By taking additional time to foster inclusive dialogue and understanding, we can ensure that the plan reflects the diverse needs and aspirations of our entire community. Thank you for your consideration

Shamikka Smith

Location:

Submitted At: 7:56pm 07-24-24

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they aren't physically there should be notified.

Dorothy Listenbee

Location:

Submitted At: 7:55pm 07-24-24

As a Milwaukee resident deeply invested in the future of our community, I strongly urge the CPC to consider delaying the vote on this plan to prioritize more community outreach and engagement. It is crucial that all voices, especially those from marginalized and underrepresented groups, have the opportunity to be heard and contribute to the decision-making process. By taking additional time to foster inclusive dialogue and understanding, we can ensure that the plan reflects the diverse needs and aspirations of our entire community. Thank you for your consideration.

Angee Wh

Location:

Submitted At: 7:46pm 07-24-24

As a Milwaukee resident deeply invested in the future of our community, I strongly urge the CPC to consider delaying the vote on this plan to prioritize more community outreach and engagement. It is crucial that all voices, especially those from marginalized and underrepresented groups, have the opportunity to be heard and contribute to the decision-making process. By taking additional time to foster inclusive dialogue and understanding, we can ensure that the plan reflects the diverse needs and aspirations of our entire community. Thank you for your consideration.

Kelly Walker

Location:

Submitted At: 4:31pm 07-24-24

While I think many of these initiatives may be positive, I am concerned that the city has not fully engaged with residents who will be most impacted by the plan. I hope the City will delay the vote on this plan and take the time to gather feedback authentically and fully reviewing community impact (both positive and negative) before moving forward.

Joey Wisniewski

Location:

Submitted At: 12:45pm 07-24-24

As a resident, board member of a neighborhood organization, and real estate professional, I support adopting the Growing MKE Plan as it encourages more housing types and will expedite the approval process. I commend DCD Staff and consultants who have researched, analyzed, and performed significant stakeholder outreach over the past 2 years.

Fernando Mihaic

Location:

Submitted At: 11:09am 07-24-24

Zoning reform is the key to a city's future success. Density creates stability and opportunity for members of a population to thrive. GrowMKE's plan formalizes this idea in a workable model that is catered to our city in a way that maximizes opportunity for the future. I offer my support for this adoption.

Gregory High

Location:

Submitted At: 10:54am 07-24-24

In the interest of Racial Equity, neighborhood choice, and displacement are all racial equity issues that need to be resolved in Milwaukee with urgency. The policy changes proposed in Growing MKE take a giant step forward on all of these issues.

In the area of Housing Cost, policies and regulations that restrict housing diversity increase the cost of building new housing and limit the types of housing available within individual neighborhoods. This can increase housing costs for everyone. Recent studies have found that housing growth can help slow rent increases within a region while not contributing to the displacement of existing residents. As regards Public Health, experience in other cities has shown that creating dense, walkable and affordable neighborhoods also presents the opportunity to

reduce health inequities by addressing environmental injustice, promoting food security, and improving access to healthcare in historically disinvested communities.

Resident engagement is quite important in developing programs such as this. Recent data indicates that residents of the areas of impact have been involved and are generally supportive.

Thank you for your consideration

Rae Johnson

Location:

Submitted At: 11:43pm 07-23-24

Inventory, neighborhood choice, and displacement are all racial equity issues that need to be resolved in Milwaukee with urgency. The policy changes proposed in Growing MKE take a giant step forward on all of these issues. Inventory is a racial equity issue because when inventory is restricted, housing prices go up and people of color bear the brunt of that cost burden. Neighborhood choice is a racial equity issue because historical zoning laws made in the 1950s, and throughout the 20th century, have restricted neighborhood choice by limiting certain types of housing in certain neighborhoods. This is all by design. Now is the time for redesign! It is going to take new updates to the zoning code to honor Black and brown folks choice to live in the neighborhoods they want to. Displacement is a racial equity issue because if high demand neighborhoods are not allowed to grow upwards, they will grow outwards and displace people of color from our own neighborhoods.

Haynie Smith

Location:

Submitted At: 9:38pm 07-23-24

As a Milwaukee resident who is living in an area where we will experience the impact of the zoning changes the most intensely, deeply invested in the future of our community, I strongly urge the CPC to consider delaying the vote on this plan to prioritize more community outreach and engagement. It is crucial that all voices, especially those from marginalized and underrepresented groups, have the opportunity to be heard and contribute to the decision-making process. By taking additional time to foster inclusive dialogue and understanding, we can ensure that the plan reflects the diverse needs and aspirations of our entire community. Thank you for your consideration.

Marybeth McGinnis

Location:

Submitted At: 9:30pm 07-23-24

I strongly support the passing of this plan, although I wish to see the reinstatement of multifamily in RT3 and RT4. I do not believe that people who live in new multifamily residences should be generally positioned to live on busier and less pleasant streets, which is likely to happen if every multifamily proposal has to go through an additional process. As someone who lived on a very pleasant street (Cass) with very appropriate multifamily residences, I would love to see more of these types many of streets. However, overall, this plan is a wonderful change for our city, and I was impressed this summer with staff's outreach at dozens of events and in many neighborhoods.

Megan Shepard Smith

Location:

Submitted At: 9:19pm 07-23-24

As a lifelong Milwaukee resident who cares deeply about my community and city, I must express my strong opposition to proceeding with this plan at this time. It is absolutely crucial that any vote on this matter be postponed. There are numerous voices that have not been heard, particularly those of the underrepresented and marginalized communities. The plan currently fails to reflect the needs and perspectives of these groups.

Moreover, there are troubling indications that many residents remain unclear about the plan and the rationale behind its recommendations, despite repeated requests for further explanation and discussion with the City and other authorities. To ensure we develop the best possible plan for everyone it affects, we need more effective and comprehensive engagement with all communities. This essential step has been neglected, resulting in a flawed proposal.

We must delay any voting on this plan to provide a truly inclusive and equitable opportunity for all residents to understand the plan and to contribute their input. Let us take the time needed to create a plan that truly represents and benefits everyone.

Annette Martin

Location:

Submitted At: 7:06pm 07-23-24

As a Milwaukee resident deeply invested in the future of our community, I strongly urge the CPC to consider delaying the vote on this plan to prioritize more community outreach and engagement. It is crucial that all voices, especially those from marginalized and underrepresented groups, have the opportunity to be heard and contribute to the decision-making process. By taking additional time to foster inclusive dialogue and understanding, we can ensure that the plan reflects the diverse needs and aspirations of our entire community. Thank you for your consideration.”

Sara Daleiden

Location:

Submitted At: 5:16pm 07-23-24

I support this well-crafted Growing MKE plan for zoning that supports the development of a range of culturally-relevant housing options with healthy and walkable neighborhood development overall. Thank you!

Tim Baack

Location:

Submitted At: 3:55pm 07-23-24

Policies and regulations that restrict housing diversity increase the cost of building new housing and limit the types of housing available within individual neighborhoods. This can increase housing costs for everyone. Recent studies have found that housing growth can help slow rent increases within a region while not contributing to the displacement of existing residents. Milwaukee needs more housing that is more affordable for more people. The Growing MKE Plan helps make that a reality.

Mark Caballero

Location:

Submitted At: 3:44pm 07-23-24

I support this plan. I'm glad to see that we will have more housing options to choose from. I do think the RT3 and RT4 options should be brought back in to give the community the full range of housing stock to choose from. The benefit of this zoning change will be widespread for all of Milwaukee county. Other municipalities will be able to look positively to Milwaukee as an example.

Christine Symchych

Location:

Submitted At: 2:48pm 07-23-24

I support the Growing MKE Plan. I have been a planner for 25 years and an elected official for 13 years. I have seen what a history of bad policy creates- we need to make significantly better policy that allows people of color to have access to the choices, amenities and access to resources that white people have access to and consider to be normal and good for them. I ask you to vote yes to allow this important change and a chance to move our public policy forward to a modern era. I hope this is the first of many steps to creating an equitable society.

Adam Brendle

Location:

Submitted At: 2:26pm 07-23-24

As a resident of Bay View, I support this plan. It is vital that we increase the density of our community to achieve greater financial resiliency, and to work toward the goals laid out in the Climate and Equity Plan. Before moving to Milwaukee, my wife and I lived in areas that were extremely focused on single family zoning. Living near "KK" has a huge improvement to our quality of life, and there are still ways we can improve the livability of the area. Also, all of our fellow Milwaukeeans deserve a livable neighborhood too. This plan provides a carefully considered roadmap to to further livability, financial resiliency, and progress towards the goals laid out in the Climate and Equity Plan. Transportation is an important part of these goals. Now, while the stated goals of the Growing MKE Plan are that we should minimize parking, the recommendations stop short of suggesting the elimination of parking minimums, leaving the topic for potential future updates. We should take a stronger stance on this topic and eliminate all requirements. Regardless, I urge the Commission to approve the plan, and look forward to these changes taking effect.

Sam Mattson

Location:

Submitted At: 12:55pm 07-23-24

I am very glad to see this plan moving forward; however, I am saddened by the watering-down with the removal of multi-family from RT3 and RT4. These small housing types are necessary for a growing city and must be allowed in as many places as possible. Allowing a mix of housing types, densities, and sizes in individual neighborhoods, on all streets creates a lively and wonderful neighborhood. Places like the East Side wouldn't be the same, energetic, great places they are without the prevalence of small apartments alongside larger ones and detached houses. This plan needs to be as robust as possible and allow for as many housing choices as possible throughout the city, on every street type.

Jamie Foxx

Location:

Submitted At: 12:28pm 07-23-24

I strongly urge the CPC to consider delaying the vote on this plan to prioritize more community outreach and engagement as a Resident of Milwaukee community and very active member of Milwaukee community as a collective. It is crucial that all voices, especially those from marginalized and underrepresented groups, have the opportunity to be heard and contribute to the decision-making process. By taking additional time to foster inclusive dialogue and understanding, we can ensure that the plan reflects the diverse needs and aspirations of our entire community. Thank you for your consideration to halt the approval of this plan.

Patrice Gransberry

Location:

Submitted At: 12:19pm 07-23-24

I am Mrs Gransberry As a senior Milwaukee resident I am deeply invested in the future of our community, I strongly urge the CPC to consider delaying the vote on this plan to prioritize more community outreach and engagement. It is very crucial that all voices, especially those from marginalized and underrepresented groups, have the opportunity to be heard and contribute to the decision-making process. By taking additional time to foster inclusive dialogue and understanding, we can ensure that the plan reflects the diverse needs and aspirations of our entire community. Thank you for your consideration to halt the approval of this plan.

Towanda Perkins

Location:

Submitted At: 12:18pm 07-23-24

As a Milwaukee resident of the 53218 area I'm deeply invested in the future of our community, I strongly urge the CPC to consider delaying the vote on this plan to prioritize more community outreach and engagement. It is crucial that all voices, especially those from marginalized and underrepresented groups, have the opportunity to be heard and contribute to the decision-making process. I'm disappointed I was not included in the engagement or outreach efforts to include my voice or my neighbor's voices. By taking additional time to foster inclusive dialogue and understanding, we can ensure that the plan reflects the diverse needs and aspirations of our entire community. Thank you for your consideration to halt the approval of this plan.

Brittney Taylor

Location:

Submitted At: 12:17pm 07-23-24

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As a black resident of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, I am appalled by the strategic planning for Wisconsin to continue to get rich off of the back of the poor, not considering the negative consequences. It will have on the Community and his people. I am highly disturbed by the amount of developers trying to anchor their leverage in order to continue to probably pimp our communities. This will have a negative impact on low income communities, but no one is considering them us me when they are making these outrageous decisions without communicating with the

community first.

Topacio Lucero

Location:

Submitted At: 12:06pm 07-23-24

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Nick Berkley

Location:

Submitted At: 12:01pm 07-23-24

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Kevin Autman

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Gunnar Schmitz

Location:

Submitted At: 11:12am 07-23-24

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Will Ohm

Location:

Submitted At: 11:07am 07-23-24

I'm a big fan of this incremental step, and it makes a lot of sense at this time. I'm glad that the update to the plan didn't exclude small multi-family housing in all forms and is still being considered, but I'd like to see the next step having it included explicitly. Additional things I think should be in future zoning code improvements are reducing parking requirements, further transit and non-car accommodations and considerations, and clarification on zoning for businesses in "residential" neighborhoods (both for mixed-use and standalone).

Despite that, this will help our city grow organically and adapt to the changing needs of our city, so we definitely should adopt it ASAP. I look forward to the next stage of our city!

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Melody McCurtis

Location:

Submitted At: 11:06am 07-23-24

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John December

Location:

Submitted At: 9:15am 07-23-24

I support the idea of growing Milwaukee. However, this draft could work more strongly towards that goal:

1) Please allow incremental increases in small multi-family buildings in RT3 and RT4 districts. A possible compromise could allow a +1 or +2 unit incremental increase over what is already on properties in those districts. Without incremental growth, a resulting mismatch of housing supply to housing demand raises the cost of housing throughout the city. Gradual, incremental growth is a great and fair principle for existing and potential residents.

2) Please address the role of automobile parking in land use and its impact on housing availability more strongly. Failing to address or even understand parking management will continue to impede the growth and livability of Milwaukee. Specifically, this plan should relax parking requirements in areas where a housing unit cannot otherwise be added under current parking requirements. The great principle here is to embrace housing for people as a priority, not housing for cars as THE priority.

Sam Engsborg

Location:

Submitted At: 4:19pm 07-22-24

Having attended some of the many meetings about the Growing MKE Plan, I greatly support the proposal, but am not happy with the removal of multi-family from RT3 and RT4. People deserve to live in a multi-family home on a quiet street - we shouldn't condemn this type of housing to busy roads and thoroughfares. Let's allow people to build useful homes. The default should be to allow people to do things, unless there's a very clear reason not to.

Clarence Kinnard

Location:

Submitted At: 1:15pm 07-22-24

I fully support this plan — although I supported it more in its original form. It is a crucial move toward offering more housing choices for individuals at various stages of their lives. Broadening the range of housing options is vital for enabling residents to reside closer to their preferred locations, facilitating easier walking, biking, or public

transit use.

Although zoning enhancements are just a single facet of addressing Milwaukee's housing challenges, they are vital for boosting the availability of diverse housing types in sought-after neighborhoods and for growing the tax base, which will help Milwaukee finance and improve services.

It is disappointing that the proposal to permit small multi-family units in RT3 and RT4 zones has been excluded, and I strongly advocate for its reinstatement. I value the effort the Department of City Development has put into this plan, and I thank the members of this Commission for their diligence.

Telemachus Rafaelidys

Location:

Submitted At: 2:33pm 07-19-24

As a Milwaukee native, MPS graduate, and current home-owner I am excited to see Growing MKE move forward! The increased density will bring more resources for our city, its residents, and its children. Thank you Mayor Johnson for supporting this plan and for pushing to get Milwaukee to 1 million residents!

Alexander Brodsky

Location:

Submitted At: 12:55pm 07-19-24

I strongly support the plan. It is an important step in providing more housing options for people at all stages of their life. Expanding housing options is also critical to making it easier for people to live closer to their desired destinations, making it easier for them to walk, bike, or take transit.

Zoning improvements are only one part of solving housing issues in Milwaukee, but it is an important one to increase the amount of missing middle housing in high demand areas and expanding the tax base so Milwaukee can fund and expand services.

I am very disappointed that the recommendation to allow small multi-family buildings in RT3 and RT4 districts has been removed and think it should be restored. I have appreciated the work that went into this plan by the Department of City Development, and was glad to be able to attend both virtual and nearby meetings at the library to better understand it.

Taylor Jones

Location:

Submitted At: 12:54pm 07-19-24

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Holly Wallace

Location:

Submitted At: 10:56am 07-19-24

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I am disappointed that the recommendation to allow small multi-family buildings in RT3 and RT4 districts has been removed, and I believe it should be reinstated.

Dennis Grzezinski

Location:

Submitted At: 2:49pm 07-18-24

I support the Growing MKE Plan being submitted to the City Plan Commission later this month. Amending the City's zoning code to authorize more types of residential housing units in districts zoned residential would benefit the City in many ways -- enabling an increase in population, encouraging more transit-oriented development, and providing increased opportunity for more affordable housing which is so desperately needed in Milwaukee.

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David Loken

Location:

Submitted At: 10:01pm 07-17-24

I am a huge supporter of the Growing Milwaukee effort, however am extremely disappointed with the removal of the RT3/RT4 multi family language.

Removing small multifamily from these neighborhoods truly sends the wrong message about where we think apartments belong.

Please reinstate policy Recommendation 1-C from the April draft.

Mitchell Henke

Location:

Submitted At: 8:54pm 07-17-24

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