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Meeting Time: 07-29-24 13:30

eComments Report

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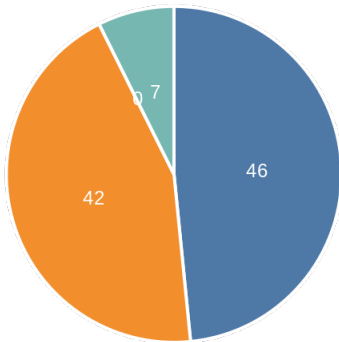
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Overall Sentiment

Support (48%) Oppose (44%) Neutral (0%)
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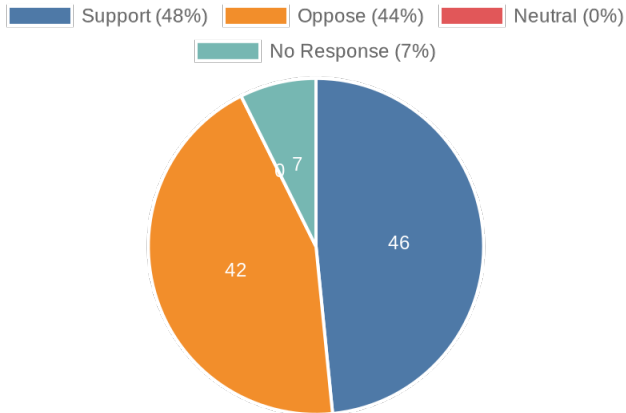
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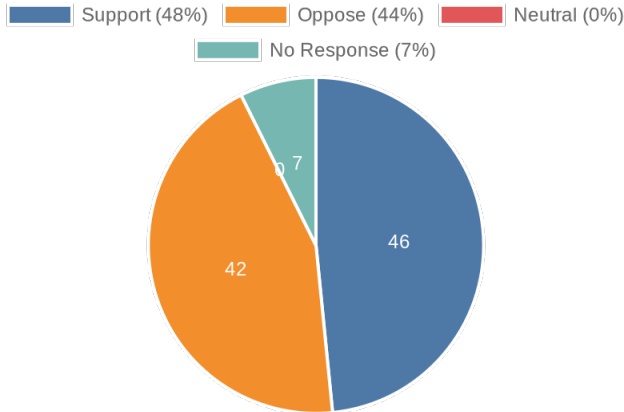
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Location:
Submitted At: 12:03pm 07-29-24

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.

Sarwat Sharif

Location:
Submitted At: 11:55am 07-29-24

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Craig Frizzell

Location:
Submitted At: 11:32am 07-29-24

I enthusiastically support the Growing MKE Plan.

Milwaukee needs more housing. For a variety of factors outside of the city's control, housing costs have risen sharply over the last decade. More and more families can't find new homes that work for them because of costs. The number of unhoused persons in Milwaukee is rising.

We are in a housing crisis. We need our elected officials to help. And you can help by making sure our zoning codes do not further limit our housing supply.

Finally, I must note that those opposed to this plan always seem to have a financial stake in maintaining the status quo. I encourage the commission to consider that the laws of supply and demand dictate that when supply is constrained, demand and thus prices will be high. Maintaining the status quo will keep housing costs high - which benefits existing landlords and homeowners at the expense of families without the means to be lucky enough to already own a home.

Benjamin Neumann

Location:

Submitted At: 10:24am 07-29-24

I strongly support the Growing MKE Plan because I want a variety of housing options for myself, my neighbors, and future residents. I live in an affordable apartment in the Martin Drive neighborhood, which enhances my quality of life with convenient public-transit access and easy biking. Allowing similar apartment buildings in more places is crucial for creating neighborhoods where people can walk, bike and use public transit to reach their destinations. This also offers more housing options as people's circumstances change.

The Growing MKE Plan addresses a significant obstacle to solving Milwaukee's housing issues. Removing this barrier is essential for the city and county to maintain and afford their services.

Initially, I expected only minor changes to the zoning code, but the importance of the plan became clear through the city's thorough preparation and various meetings. Despite the plan's strengths, I am disappointed that it no longer recommends multi-family buildings in RT3 and RT4 districts. I hope this recommendation will be reinstated to fully realize the plan's potential for diverse and accessible housing options.

Justin Sanchez

Location:

Submitted At: 9:39am 07-29-24

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.

Carl Glasemeyer

Location:

Submitted At: 8:56am 07-29-24

I support adopting the Growing MKE plan and continuing the process to adapt the city's zoning code to increase housing choice and hopefully affordability. I appreciate that the city held office hours in lots of libraries. I had multiple opportunities to learn about the plan without needing to travel far from where I live by showing up to the Capitol Library and Washington Park Library. The staff was very responsive and got answers back to me when I had questions.

I live in a neighborhood that currently allows only single-family homes on many lots. Most of these homes are expensive and owned by White people. The neighborhood also has duplexes, fourplexes, and courtyard apartments. I love having these housing types in the neighborhood because they allow for a diversity of people to live here. I strongly support allowing more homes to be built in my neighborhood and the opportunity for more people to live here. My neighborhood is getting more expensive, it is getting harder to continue living here. While I own a home, I could not buy a home here today. Without a change in policy and more housing built, I don't know how this neighborhood would retain any affordability.

Logan Rumbaugh

Location:

Submitted At: 8:43am 07-29-24

I am strongly in support of the Grow MKE plan. As a resident of the city's Walker's Point neighborhood I believe that an aggressive strategy for growth and improving the quality and connectedness of our places is essential and the Grow MKE plan presents our best single opportunity to lay the building blocks for the future of our city. Milwaukee is uniquely positioned to buck the long-term trends of a shrinking city and continue to inspire vibrant and fulfilling neighborhoods and people, but only if we take the necessary actions. I implore the city to adopt the Grow MKE plan.

Daniel Welytok

Location:

Submitted At: 8:36am 07-29-24

I support the plan because it will allow the construction of new housing, which will benefit renters and aspiring homeowners. Keeping zoning restrictions tight makes housing unaffordable and disproportionately benefits wealthy residents.

Lifting zoning restrictions citywide instead of in one area is the right strategy because it will allow for development to gradually take place. Cities often open up loosen restrictions in one area, which subjects it to rapid, intense development. A citywide approach is the least disruptive and most fair strategy for everyone.

However, I would like the council to take more input from marginalized communities and make reasonable carveouts where necessary to ensure that this plan does not interfere with them getting the resources they need.

Amy Donahue

Location:

Submitted At: 6:43am 07-29-24

Please halt this process. People, especially Black and brown people, in Milwaukee are feeling disenfranchised from it, and that is not setting this plan up for success. There need to be thresholds of engagement with people and community groups that need to be met, not just certain amounts of time between the steps. Zoning in Milwaukee is too fraught and too important to not be intentionally discussed by inviting people to the table and helping them get there, and then providing a solid education on the plan and asking for feedback on the specifics. And the possible harms need to be identified as much as possible with plans for their mitigation.

Teresa Dickert

Location:

Submitted At: 11:32pm 07-28-24

I support the plan and Growing MKE, as it leads to expanded housing options.

Randy Owens

Location:

Submitted At: 10:07pm 07-28-24

“supporting new housing that creates walkable urban neighborhoods” especially in neighborhoods that are west of I-43.....

Joshua Wankowski

Location:

Submitted At: 10:04pm 07-28-24

First off, I am in strong support for this plan! I've been excited for this since the fall and it will be a big win for the city and growing overall! We need aggressive zoning policies like this to be able to get to 1 million Milwaukeeans!

Pros:

- Middle housing and code revisions
- Transit Oriented Development (TOD) and urban design changes
- Big wins to increase density in smart way

Medium density housing is awesome for the city and are a big reason why I'm happy to see this plan move forward. Having multi units built into the code will be a big win for the city!

Cons:

- Toothless renters resources
- Limited resources for student/temp housing
- No stance on banning anti-homeless design
- Not introducing full ADU zoning

A big let down for me is that even though the plan hits on student/temp housing, it doesn't take a firm approach to fix it. Hopefully, the plan can be revised to take a real step for compact/temp housing!

Finally, not introducing full ADU zoning in the plan is a weak move and goes against the spirit of this plan. "Filling in" lots with these is key to smart density.

Though some criticism, I do think that the plan is a big leap forward for the city!

Lauren Forbush

Location:

Submitted At: 9:56pm 07-28-24

Creating a zoning plan for Milwaukee without involving the community members it directly impacts is unacceptable. Please halt this plan, and work with members of the Black and Brown community in Milwaukee, of which the zoning of this city directly impacts. We need to address the issues of poverty, lack of healthcare, food, and clean water in our communities. As well as the monopoly that landlords have across this city creating lack of affordable housing and home ownership. This is of utmost importance when it comes to creating a new zoning plan for the city. Once we are thriving in all aspects, should we start looking at growing our population. Let's make sure we are all taken care of first.

Grace Robinson

Location:

Submitted At: 9:48pm 07-28-24

I strongly oppose the Growing MKE project at this stage. Not enough work has been done by the city of Milwaukee to learn what is needed & wanted by the Black and brown communities of Milwaukee who are the most impacted by these re-zoning ordinances. As these re-zoning plans occur every 100 years, we need to ensure to uplift the voices of all members of our community to make sure their needs are heard. At this point I strongly oppose the Growing MKE project and believe the city must return to the community to build infrastructure that is safe and sustainable- for everyone.

michie miller

Location:

Submitted At: 9:28pm 07-28-24

Please halt the project so it can be reorganized to center the actual community members

Aaron Moriak

Location:

Submitted At: 9:01pm 07-28-24

This plan is an excellent and sorely needed update to our zoning code to rectify the exclusionary practices of the past 70+ years, which have contributed to the continued racial segregation and economic disparities in the city. This plan empowers residents to build the city they want by allowing a wide range of housing options across the city, regardless of your neighborhood. Whether you're a young person just starting out, a family looking for a starter home, or empty nesters looking to downsize, this plan makes it easier to build the housing stock that people want, not just what big developers think will be most profitable.

In addition to housing diversity, streamlining the process of building homes will help to reduce the cost, allowing more homes to be built and those homes to be more affordable to residents. With Milwaukee now near the top of rankings for largest rent and home price increases, expanding our housing stock is needed now more than ever before.

Sam Owen

Location:

Submitted At: 8:42pm 07-28-24

I support this position since the addition of more housing options would allow for more affordable housing as well as a greater availability of options for people in a variety of living circumstances.

Brooke Frizzell

Location:

Submitted At: 8:35pm 07-28-24

I strongly support Growing MKE. We need more housing of all types in all parts of the city.

This is a thoughtful plan. I have been pleased at how many opportunities the city has provided for public engagement.

I own a single family home on a block in Washington Heights that is single family homes & duplexes. I would welcome triplexes & small apartment buildings on this block, should a property owner wish to build one. There are several parcels in my neighborhood that would be great for small apartment buildings. I love my neighborhood and the amenities it offers, and I would be thrilled to welcome more neighbors. We should be making it as easy as possible to build housing.

MKE has a low vacancy rate & rising rents. With climate change, we are likely attract new residents. A city that has newcomers move in but does not build housing is destined to follow in the footsteps of San Francisco, which has seen its Black population pushed to outlying areas and has an astonishing rate of homelessness. Building housing will prevent displacement of long-time residents.

Making it easier to build more types of housing in more parts of the city is key to ensuring MKE's future success.

Charlie Megenity

Location:

Submitted At: 8:29pm 07-28-24

I strongly support Growing MKE. We must move forward with this plan in order to control spiraling housing costs, address the racial equity gap in housing, and ensure every neighborhood has the opportunity to be a more dense, walkable, and vibrant place.

If Milwaukee is going to thrive, we need to expand the tax base. We're operating in an environment where state policies are hostile to Milwaukee, hindering its ability to provide basic services and build/maintain infrastructure. These zoning changes are critically important to making sure we can raise additional revenue in support of all our other goals as a city.

I was disappointed to see that the recommendation to allow small multifamily buildings in RT3 and RT4 districts was removed from the plan. My family of four prefers living in a multifamily building, but our housing choices are limited by our historical zoning restrictions. I encourage you to restore this provision of the plan.

I also want to commend the Department of City Development for its tireless work on community engagement. Their efforts to gather feedback in various formats, media, and languages -- across all areas of the city -- are greatly appreciated.

Cole Smith

Location:

Submitted At: 8:15pm 07-28-24

As a Milwaukee resident that is deeply invested in making Milwaukee safe and sustainable for all residents I am opposed the Growing MKE plan being put up for approval at the CPC meeting tomorrow and ask that this it is postponed. While the Growing MKE team may feel that they did enough engaging with with public, it was not enough. There is a reason that many folks feel like they did not know about this plan and do not support it. Zoning in Milwaukee in particular is very continuous topic for Black and Brown residents, for rightful reasons. I suggest that the Growing MKE team seek to engage with Black and Brown communities who will be impacted by this plan

and rightfully have mistrust of changing zoning codes. We do not have to move forward as we have in the past. Please delay this vote.

Rita DeMerit

Location:

Submitted At: 6:34pm 07-28-24

I strongly support GrowingMKE. Providing more housing options leads to people at all stages of life having better access and opportunities to live where they want resulting in more walkable, bike-able, transit-friendly places.

Jason Stiebs

Location:

Submitted At: 6:16pm 07-28-24

I would also support an even more ambitious plan even.

Erik Stonecipher

Location:

Submitted At: 2:36pm 07-28-24

Building a strong city requires putting more money, time, and education into our citizens and already-existing infrastructure. I request Growing MKE be halted until further transparency, community education and engagement, and genuine public feedback can be assessed. Not just emails and flyers, not the "who shows up gets heard" style, but actual public engagement and process.

Esther West

Location:

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

I oppose because I would like to see a 6-month pause for deeper Black and Brown community engagement. Zoning impacts a great many people whose needs should be considered and incorporated. This includes time to ensure the zoning works well for say, housing cooperatives. Thank you.

David Glaubke

Location:

Submitted At: 12:06pm 07-28-24

I live downtown and strongly support the Growing MKE plan. Added density and housing are crucial in helping to support the vision to grow Milwaukee's population. Density allows neighborhoods within the city to flourish, fostering vibrant communities within the larger city where neighborhood establishments (restaurants, small businesses) can thrive. Increasing the diversity and supply of housing stock will also be an unquestionable positive for the city. We have good evidence from other cities (e.g. Austin) that increasing housing supply can legitimately lower rents/housing costs. Density and increased housing supply will be great for Milwaukee, and the growing MKE plan helps to facilitate those goals.

Kurt Peng

Location:

Submitted At: 3:04pm 07-27-24

I live in Lower East Side in Milwaukee and I support Growing MKE. I first found out about Growing MKE at one of numerous public meetings held by the DCD. There were 9 public meetings, 33 "office hour sessions", and 22 pop-ups - plenty of community engagement. I support the Growing MKE Plan because relaxing stringent zoning restrictions to enable the construction of a wider variety of housing types will benefit Milwaukee in multiple ways. First, medium-sized housing like ADUs, duplexes, and townhomes that are currently rare provide affordable entry points for renting or homeownership that meet the needs for everybody ranging from young families starting out to empty-nesters downsizing. This isn't about skyscrapers or handouts to developers. It's about creating places for people to live. Second, increasing the supply of housing can help meet the rising demand here in Milwaukee, reducing overall housing costs. Similar housing reform implemented in Minneapolis has helped keep rents stable. Third, that increase in density creates more walkable neighborhoods, vibrant communities, and greener living with more transit use, great for children, seniors, and people with disabilities.

Kevin Germino

Location:
Submitted At: 6:53am 07-27-24

I'm excited to see Milwaukee taking to grow the city population and out tax base without radically changing our communities.

GrowMKE legalizes the neighborhoods we have today, it will allow a much wider array of affordable housing options, and give prospective homeowners more flexibility making it easier for them to buy and maintain a home in Milwaukee

Tommie Burks

Location:
Submitted At: 5:30pm 07-26-24

What About The 30th St Corridor That's A Great Place To Start !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Jaclyn Mich

Location:
Submitted At: 2:57pm 07-26-24

I strongly support the proposed Growing MKE plan. It builds on our legacy as a city of duplexes, and it is the right approach to increasing the range of housing options available in the City, better meeting the needs of current and future residents, increasing the supply of housing units, and supporting housing affordability.

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 lead 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 incredibly 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

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Angela Jackson

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Mariana Smith-Rivera

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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

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Catherine Palmer

Location:

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

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Talibah Mateen-Hooper

Location:

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

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Location:

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

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Joann Johnson

Location:

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

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Marion Ross

Location:

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

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Darcell Smith

Location:

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

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Carolyn Jackson

Location:

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

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Dorothy Listenbee

Location:

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

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

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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

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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 GransberryAs 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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Kevin Autman

Location:

Submitted At: 12:00pm 07-23-24

As a Milwaukee resident of metcalfe park whom is very 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 to halt the approval of this plan.

Gunnar Schmitz

Location:

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

I strongly support the plan. It is an important step in providing more housing options for people in all stages of their life. Expanding housing options provides a fairer chance for everyone to secure affordable housing that meets their needs. Increasing housing options is also critical for people to live closer to their desired destinations, making it easier for them to walk, bike, or take transit.

Growing MKE not only enhances residents' quality of life, it also ignites economic growth and provides the tax base for Milwaukee to fund essential services. A mixture of housing styles is needed to support the rich diversity of all who call Milwaukee home today and into the future.

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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Submitted At: 10:20am 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:

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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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