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I am unable to attend the meeting in person but would like to submit concerns for public record. I feel that City Council has an obligation to the city and everyone who lives here to support those less fortunate. I am tired of people in political influence putting their own needs and the corporations they quietly serve before the needs of the community. There are many people that are barely holding on to their homes and many more that cannot even dream to afford a home all because some faceless greedy corporation wants to squeeze out as much profit as possible. We need rules to curtail that greed and support people from all walks of life in our community. Everyone deserves the right to a home. People who already own property in these areas should be supporting their communities to help others get a home as well, not further pushing those less fortunate down because they fear that their property will somehow lose value. I own a home and live across from a lower income town home complex. The people there are lovely and take care of their spaces just as much as the home owners across the street. We all work together to ensure we have a safe healthy community where children can play safely together. Pushing for further segregation of classes and wealth leads to weak and toxic communities. I want to live in a city that follows the Strong Towns principals, where everyone helps each other and people of all walks of life and economic status work to bring each other up. City Council needs to stop bowing down to corporate greed and conservative fear mongering agendas that further fracture our communities. Our rules around housing zoning and minimum parking etc. has created an environment of fear and given the greedy vocal minority power over public resources. I want that power cut back and I want corporations checked to ensure equitable allocation of resources for everyone. Please support the affordable housing provisions and look to find funding for these projects instead of projects that push forward private corporate agendas.

~Talia~