

Thanks to Mayor, Council & Staff
& for opportunity for input.

**Inclusionary Zoning
Council Meeting, Mar. 18, 2024**

I have 6 points to make:

1. Affordable housing is desperately needed.
2. The inclusionary zoning proposal being put forward provides for a paltry 5% of units to be affordable. Why must we be on our knees to achieve this bare minimum? *Particularly as we are witnessing the high cost of homelessness*
3. The needs of the citizens & residents of this community ought to be paramount – not the desires of developers.

There appears to be an unfair advantage to developers' ability to lobby Council, as opposed to the efforts of citizens & residents, most of whom are unable to take time away from their work and family responsibilities to make a case to Council. – A case that should be obvious: affordable housing is critically needed, now. *\$ across the City.*

4. It is clear that restrictions and regulations are required to ensure that housing is built to meet the needs of the community, needs which, by any reasonable standard, ought to trump the desires of developers. Time after time, we see requests to override the thoughtful and equitable approach to development provided by City planners. Too often, those overrides are granted, to the detriment of livability in our community.
5. There is no evidence that inclusionary zoning impacts the production or pricing of housing (despite the scare-mongering contained in some developers' presentations.)
6. It is Council's responsibility to represent its citizens and residents, not just the developers. Now is the time to do the right thing and ensure that affordable housing is a priority -- & by that I mean affordable to those with modest means, not just middle income and high earners.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Please expand your vision so that
we have affordability, sustainability
& livability.*

*\$ their
profit
margin*

