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Dear Davis Planning Commission members,

My name is Michelle Andrews. I am a second year undergraduate student at UC Davis, Chair of the Davis College Democrats' Environmental Caucus, and a member of Sustainable Growth Yolo. I am emailing you tonight to urge you to improve the Housing Element before it is finalized. I grew up in the Bay Area so I know what it's like to struggle to find an affordable place to live, and I strongly believe that no Davis resident should have to face that same struggle when we have such a great opportunity for long-term change right now.

Recently, ASUCD and GSA proposed a series of reforms that were not included in the current draft. I support these reforms and advocate that the city does not adopt the updated Housing Element without including these modifications:

1. Eliminate Parking Minimums
2. Fully Fund Housing Trust Fund
3. Rezoning All Strip Malls to Mixed Use
4. By-Right Approval Process
5. Include Underutilized City-Owned Locations in Site Inventory
6. Legalize Small Increase in Density in Residential Areas

I believe that updating the Housing Element supports an increase of attainable housing - key to making Davis a healthier, more sustainable, and inclusive community. For these reasons, I call on the City of Davis to incorporate the above-mentioned reforms to its Housing Element update.

Sincerely,
Michelle Andrews