

Jessica Lynch

From: Barbara Archer
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 9:06 AM
To: 'Vera'
Cc: Jessica Lynch
Subject: RE: public comment on Housing Element

Dear Vera,

Thank you for writing to the City Council with your comments about the Housing Element Update draft. All members of the Council have received your email, and I am acknowledging it on their behalf. I have also cc'd the staff person managing the project.

Thank you for your engagement on the update.

Best regards,

Barbara

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From: Vera <veracity@dcn.org>
Sent: Sunday, June 13, 2021 7:41 PM
To: City Council Members <CityCouncilMembers@cityofdavis.org>
Subject: public comment on Housing Element

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Dear Members of the Davis City Council,

I have been a resident of Davis for 13 years, and I am increasingly aware that the lack of affordable housing is a pressing issue for the unhoused, renters and first-time home buyers. There are so many complex reasons behind the housing issues that Davis faces and many approaches that will be needed to address these issues.

- Several faith communities, including the Unitarian Universalist Church, the Lutheran Church of the Incarnation, Congregation Bet Haverim, and the University Covenant Church came together this year to study The Color of

Law by Richard Rothstein. This important book explains how racist government policy is behind the racial segregation that defines our country. These racist policies meant that African-American families were not able to accumulate wealth from home ownership as did many white Americans in the 20th century. The effects of this racism are with us today and an important part of our history that needs to be addressed.

- I participated in the second book study and met many local residents who want to support City of Davis decisions to make housing more affordable and increase the diversity of our community. Several individuals I met in the study group have made public comments on the Housing Element and plan to continue learning and public engagement to support the City's approval of policies that will make our community more affordable for a diverse group of individuals.
- One specific action I urge the City Council to take is to approve the addition of the draft Housing Trust Fund as an appendix to the Housing Element. The draft Housing Trust Fund has specific programs for the unhoused, renters, and first-time home buyers. The draft Housing Trust Fund also has suggestions for revenue sources for growing the funds available.

I urge you to make the policy decisions that will make our community more affordable. We all need to come together to do the hard work on this subject, which is vital to having a diverse, sustainable and healthy community for ourselves and future generations.

Vera Sandronsky