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Dear City Council members,  
I'm Anna Kawiecki, a grad student at UC Davis and resident of Davis, CA.

California has a housing crisis, and rents are prohibitively high in Davis for many, including students, laborers, young professionals, people of color, and even junior faculty. There are simple steps Davis could be taking to be a progressive actor in the housing crisis, but has neglected to do so for years. Ignoring the University and student population as part of Davis will not make issue of housing for students and other low income members of the community go away.

Currently, the The City of Davis Housing Element's projections fail to meet the requirement for low-income housing. It fails to meet RHNA legal requirements, but more importantly, it fails to plan for Davis community needs. It will doom the city to a future of exclusion, unaffordability, overcrowding, climate change, traffic congestion, racial and class segregation, and do significant harm to the surrounding region. The housing element draft significantly overestimates the rate of construction and does not modify zoning regulations to increase the likelihood of new housing.

There are simple steps that could be taken to make Davis the sustainable, dense and vibrant city it has the potential to be.

- Eliminate parking minimums: Davis has amazing bike/walk infrastructure; Davis should be leaning an into this and be phasing out car infrastructure, not forcing parking on new buildings.
- Legalize Increase in Density in Residential Areas and Rezone all Strip Malls to Mixed Use: denser housing and mixed use areas are good for business and people! Take a look at cities in Europe, where there is vibrant commerce in shops and eateries because people are able to walk and socialize with ease. Maintaining these restrictions only promotes urban sprawl and limits affordable housing.
- Include City-Owned, Underutilized Locations in Site Inventory: empty spaces should be affordable housing for individuals! What's the point of keeping them empty?
- Make downtown walk-bike only: it would promote business and sustainability .

Please change these regulations so that Davis can bloom into a more equitable, sustainable and affordable city!

Thank you!

Anna Kawiecki