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Hi Jessica,

As requested in your memo dated 2021May3, here are my comments on the DRAFT 2021-2029 Housing Element for the City of Davis, also dated 2021May3.

Near the bottom of page 9 (page 19 of the PDF), there is a statement to the effect that ensuring smoke-free residential environments was not addressed in the programs chapter.

After reviewing the list of goals at the start of the programs chapter (page 212, PDF p222), I have to point out that a "Healthy Housing Environment for Residents" was left off the goals list, an obvious omission.

The Housing Element needs to include planning for healthy residential environments, with a priority on keeping housing free of toxic substances. The latter includes airborne toxins made by residents and neighbors, including all forms of tobacco smoke and vapors, and smoke from intentional fires (fireplaces, wood stoves, fire pits, etc.). Breathing smoke is unhealthy for everyone, and makes some people sick right away.

Forcing people to breathe dirty air is a serious concern, directly related to increased housing density. My impression has been that City of Davis officials misunderstand this, and there is a belief that the Yolo Solano Air Quality Management District is "watching out for us."

However, the YSAQMD mission only seems to be to show that average regional air quality is "good enough" to meet Federal EPA standards, with little regard to what people are actually breathing in their specific residential locations.

Thanks for recording all my comments above,

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