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Our state is experiencing what I would describe as an escalating "cost of living" crisis, and the primary driver of this crisis is the cost of rent. As a resident of the City of Woodland, I would like to strongly urge efforts to increase the supply of housing in Davis. Although it may seem unusual to hear from a Woodlander in public comment, the affordability of housing is a regional issue. The rental market in Davis has ripple effects that impact nearby communities. As the youngest elected official in Yolo County and one of the few renters who holds elected office locally, these issues are very important to me. As a school board member, the cost of living and the financial hardships it creates has a direct impact on the families and students that I serve. My view is that the draft of the Housing Element does not go far enough in addressing the substantial housing needs that exist in Davis and more broadly in Yolo County. Please consider taking a stronger position on the need for more housing capacity in Davis and follow-up with action to make that vision a reality.

Thank you,

Jake Whitaker
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