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Hello Davis Planning Commission,

My name is Sasha and I am a Davis resident submitting public comment on the Housing Element Draft. I am in support of adding the following proposals to the final Housing Element:

1. Removing the 1% growth cap
2. The development of ministerial approval processes
3. Building on strip malls
4. Allowing duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes on current single-family zones
5. Reducing parking minimums

Housing in Davis is notorious. We all know it is more expensive than the wider California housing market and this impact is felt most severely by students. Seven percent (2,000+) of students are homeless each year due to many factors, but the expense of an apartment is a huge contributor. Housing is so expensive because of the limited supply in the city, there is demand for more apartments, why are we not making this a priority?

There are so many ways to address the basic need of housing, I listed five above that I support, and I urge you to care about the thousands of students in the city of Davis each year who are trying to find housing but can't. Not only are we asking you to incorporate these policies because they are good for the students and good for the city economically, but we can't ignore the racist past of housing policy. You can help to right this inequity by making changes in Davis that will have a lasting, positive impact. You have the power to improve the lives of the residents of Davis, and I strongly urge you to do so.

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Thank you,

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