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Dear Members of the Housing Element Update Committee,

I am a resident of Davis and a member in the 1990s of the Planning Commission. I was a member in the mid-1980s of the Save Open Space committee that led the movement to create the Central Park Expansion and the beautiful park we have today with the Farmers Market, Carousel, Davis Historical Society Building and now, the Bicycle Museum.

From my experience, I am amazed and, frankly, disappointed and dismayed, by the failure to appoint a truly representative body to this committee - one representative of both the campus and the community population. The failure to do so, is revealed, at least in my opinion, in the recommendations and the unfortunate framing of the divergent views as an “us vs. them” – or a slow growth vs. fast growth perspective and advocacy.

This only serves to increase divisions leading to the failure to appreciate the complexities and ramifications of various fact sets, histories, needs, and the role of the city and of the university to serve the needs of their constituents in a manner that is fair and satisfactory for all concerned, Likewise, it hinders creation of an atmosphere of collaboration, respect for different values that shape experience and opinion/recommendations and, importantly, compromise - leading to a proposal that is fair and representative of all concerned – city-wide and campus-wide.

First of all, I would recommend that the term of the committee and discussion of this important update be extended, taking into account Staff Reports, public comments and your deliberations and invite another round of public comment.

Second, I am in general agreement with the comments of Eileen Samitz and others who will be speaking in opposition to the 10 recommendations, in particular, the 8 that she opposes, including her stated reasons for opposition.

By extending the committee’s term and discussion to take up her and other commenters points in opposition would help to balance the discussion, bring in new viewpoints and important information. Minus this, it is my opinion that the City Council will receive a report that is not as representative as it should be when considering this very important Housing Element Update that will shape the future of this community for a considerable length of time.

Thank you for reading this letter. I would be glad to speak further with anyone on this committee.

Yours truly,

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