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I am submitting this comment on the Draft Housing Element.

I have been an homeowner in Davis since we moved here in 2008. Over the last 13 years I have become increasingly aware of issues around housing affordability in Davis for the unhoused, renters (students, families and single people) and home buyers.

Our community is getting more and more expensive to live in, and this is a barrier that works against having a diverse community and leads to social and economic costs for individuals, families and our entire community. I realize that there are many drivers of the housing issues that Davis faces and many approaches that will be needed to address these issues.

One of the specific programs described in the draft Housing Trust Fund (which was approved by the Social Services Commission and supported by the Housing Element Committee) is the development of a single online hub/navigation for all affordable rental information, including vacancy status, wait lists and pairing people up for shared housing; this online hub doesn't exist, which means that renters have to pay application fees each time they have a rental application. Renters also have no central source of information to find rental units. The draft Housing Trust Fund also identifies revenue sources for growing the Housing Trust Fund to address the needs of the unhoused, renters, and home buyers.

I urge you to include the draft Housing Trust Fund as an appendix to the Housing Element, so that the City and the public will have a record of these important programs for the life of the Housing Element (2021-2029).

Thank you.

Vera Sandronsky