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Mr. Heath and Ms. Caira,

I am writing in regard to how we are being presented with the proposed zoning code (and am copying the entire Council because of the importance and complexity of this work).

It will be very important to me - and I believe to others - to see exactly how language in the proposed code is similar to, or differs from, the current code. Using the residential districts as an example (since that is our current focus), I would ask for a side by side comparison of the current language with the proposed language. For example, using the new R1, it looks to me like it is intended to be a match to our current SR1. If that is the case, please say so. Then compare the current rules on height, setbacks, open space, frontage and other measurements with the proposed rules, again using a side by side comparison. If something is being removed from or added to the code, then please say so as well and provide an explanation for the recommended change. If we are proposing to replace FAR with perimeter measurement and house type, then again please say so. Same with new concepts like cluster housing. For those new concepts, it would be very helpful to have examples from other communities that have used these concepts in a manner similar to the one being proposed (in other words, cluster housing on a multi-acre tract of land that is used to promote saving open space would not be a relevant example but cluster housing on a single acre space would be).

Thank you in advance for helping us understand and consider this important work.

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