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Hello Alders,

Inspired by a recent local letter to the editor, I am writing today to voice my support for increased housing across the city of Madison.

Our city is a uniquely wonderful place to live, and people are taking notice - evidenced by a very hot rental and housing market. While indeed Madison is unique with its neighborhoods and its geography, what truthfully makes Madison "Madison" are the people who call this place home. Through supply and demand economics, not constructing dense housing in places where people want to live risks pricing out the very folks who make this town what it is; I've personally known a couple friends who have had to move due to the resent spikes in rent. We risk becoming a homogeneous city of only the well-to-do and the lucky-enough-to-own-a-house-by-2017.

Luckily, the solution to avoiding this scenario can also can enhance the dense, walkable, bikeable environment that characterizes Madison - building more dense, environmentally friendly housing. I support efforts by the council to increase the housing supply across our great city.

Thank you,

-Mike Smale
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