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**To:** [Plan Commission Comments](#)  
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**Subject:** potential changes to the Zoning Code's Family Definition  
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Hello Planning,

I'm writing regarding [File #73874](#), the discussion related to potential changes to the Zoning Code's Family Definition. I've reviewed the staff's presentation on the topic and I appreciate the desire to address the issue of equity and to increase the available housing supply.

I live two blocks from the area in Vilas where college student housing is mixed in with family homes and apartments. If the family definition were removed altogether, my concern is the spread of college student housing. Simply put, I don't want to deal with the quality of life issues that come with living next door to a house full of college students. I already have two living in my house, and that's plenty. I'd like to ask the Plan Commission to consider if there's a way to improve the housing supply in a way that doesn't greatly increase the likelihood of fifteen dudes playing beer pong on the front lawn next door while blasting Darude Sandstorm.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Patrick Scheckel  
1900 block of Jefferson

**From:** [Mary Pustejovsky](#)  
**To:** [Plan Commission Comments](#)  
**Subject:** item 2, 9/29 meeting  
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Hello

I am writing to express my support for removing family restrictions/definitions in residential areas. I reviewed the presentation and it is clear that these types of laws have a negative impact on equity. When I lived in Boston and had very little money, I lived in a 7 bedroom home, even though the law said no more than 5 unrelated adults could live together. We each had our own bedroom and shared common space. It was all I could afford at the time, and allowed me to live near the train to take me to work downtown. These types of rules impact the most vulnerable people in our community. Tenants fear complaining about their landlords when there are problems, because they know it could lead to \*more\* problems, like eviction. It's important that we protect health and safety, and prevent overcrowding. This can be done through simple measures such as limiting occupancy to no more than 2 adults per bedroom and no limit on children. I have volunteered with Open Doors for Refugees, and many of the families have a lot of children. Onerous limits prevent them from finding secure and stable housing. My mom grew up in a household with 9 children--there was a bedroom for the boys (2 bunk beds) and a bedroom for the girls (2 bunk beds). We should not discriminate against families with a large number of children, nor should we discriminate against those who are poor and may find that a roommate situation allows them to live closer to public transit or jobs.

Thank you for your service.

Mary Pustejovsky  
Midvale Heights