

Please consider opportunity housing!

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Re: Please consider opportunity housing!

Dear San Jose General Plan Task Force Members,

I'm writing this email asking you to consider opportunity housing throughout the city. I currently live in a fourplex in the Rose Garden that was built in 1919, so when I hear that duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes will destroy the neighborhood's charm, all I can think is: this level of density is already here! It blends seamlessly into our residential communities and it gives a chance for young families like mine to live and work in the neighborhoods we grew up in, rather than be priced out and forced to look outside San Jose.

This is also San Jose's chance to correct our long history of red-lining. As the child of immigrants that grew up in Alum Rock, I know the hardships our working class families face and how hard it is to set down roots by owning a home and gaining equity in a home to secure a financial future in San Jose, rather than burn two full time salaries on rent.

Medium density housing **is** historic housing. It's already here in my historic neighborhood. Replacing single-family zoning with units of two, three, and four families will help San Jose thrive.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Barcelos

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