

Dear Planning & Development Committee,

Please see attached for my written testimony in favor of SB 1024.

Zoning and housing restrictions in the US have historically served as unfortunate proxies of segregation, and reinforcement mechanisms, of social and racial divisions.

One of the greatest steps that can be taken for people to understand one another is to spend time together. A necessary step towards enabling greater discourse and dialogue between people of differing backgrounds and races is to facilitate policies that remove or lower the barriers between them.

Ending housing restrictions that continue to segregate communities is a step that should have been taken decades ago.

It is time to rethink such practices and what their true impact is.

Thank you so much for considering it.

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