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To: The Planning and Sustainability Commission

When I compared the current Comprehensive Plan to the proposed Draft of the 2035 Comprehensive Plan, I found a stark contrast. The layout of the Current Plan is more straightforward than the Draft Plan. The way the Current Plan lists each goal and then follows it with its related policies makes it clear how the goals are meant to be reached. I recommend that the policies in the 2035 Plan be listed individually and followed by their applicable policies.

This issue of verifying progress towards achieving goals is rarely addressed in the Draft Plan. I recommend that metrics be added for each goal. It is my understanding that such metrics exist and that they are included in standard best practices for urban planning. This would provide a tool for informing the periodic review and amendment process.

Finally, I recommend that the contents of the 2035 Plan be edited to remove language from the beginning of each chapter that might be offensive to the reader, such as "What is this chapter about?" or "Why is this important?" I find this language presumptuous and even condescending. I suggest removing these introductory paragraphs entirely because it is confusing whether they are opinion or whether they are actually part of the plan and therefore carry weight in its application.

Please add this to the record.

Thank you,

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