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General comments on the draft Comprehensive Plan:

Housing policy must include numerical targets for the development and preservation of housing affordable to low income households below 80% of Median income. Without numerical targets, there will be little progress toward identifying the land and resources necessary. Concrete targets provide a framework for the ongoing planning and coordination that must happen between many public and private stakeholders for affordable housing to be produced. Without that framework, the planning will be haphazard, disjointed and, in many neighborhoods, wholly absent. Further, the targets should include a target for very low-income households below 30% of median income.

It is also vital that the plan reference affordable housing as a critical neighborhood infrastructure investment. Many of the planned infrastructure investments like parks and transit have been correlated with the loss of affordable housing. The plan should call for investments in affordable housing infrastructure to be aligned with these other investments to mitigate potential displacement and loss of affordable housing stock.

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