



Marda Loop Communities Association

Public Hearing Planning Matters for April 22, 2024

Planning and Development- April 15, 2024

To: Members of City Council

Thank you for taking the time to read our letter.

We at the Marda Loop Communities Association (MLCA) have heard many different views on the blanket rezoning which originated out of the Housing affordability task force.

The majority of comments have been that creating a base R-CG from the R-C1 base has caused confusion, dismay, loss of trust in the City and fear.

We know that exclusionary zoning can amplify and restrict opportunities, however, with this change, the residents we've heard from feel it is too far to go from RC1 to RCG.

With so much conflicting information from other Cities that have tried similar solutions many members of our community have asked why going to RC2 as a first step to close the missing middle gap, along with all the other initiatives the City is suggesting wouldn't be a better choice.

- Can changing the blanket re-zoning to RC2 base possibly be a better first step?

Residents in Marda Loop have expressed a change to RC2 would allow for up to two residents and two additional suites on a 50 x 120 foot lot, equaling a four times increase of density from RC1.

There are huge sustainable benefits to a smaller change in terms of lot coverage on an RC2 versus RCG. The majority of council have expressed their concerns with the climate emergency and yet are voting today on something that would decrease tree canopy and increased lot coverage with hardscape.

Our letter could go into great lengths with data both for and against, but we at the MLCA write on behalf of the residents in our community not our personal views and what we can relay is an overwhelming amount of residents are very concerned and not in favour of this change; We have heard from a few community members who are in favour.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment.

Kindly,

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