Attachment B

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	In support of small multifamily consturction in single family zones and small and	
	medium sized apartments along BRT corridors and within a half mile of a metro	
Housing, Parking ,	by right. Also in support of parking reductiong that create livable communities for	
Transportation	people, not vehicles.	Adam Diamond, resident
	Attainable housing will bring new families to the county and ultimately increase	
	property tax revenues. If new housing is not added revenues and therefore	
	services will decline. Asks that the County value housing its people rather than car	
	storage for the development of a culturally and economic vibrant Montgomery	
Housing, Parking	County.	Adam Pollack, property owner
	elements of the plan. Requests that the planning deparment develops a more	
	comprehensive public outreach strategy as well a consistent narrative on	Amanda Farber on behalf of the
Scale of AHS, Transportation,	attainable housing vs. affordable housing vs. missing middle housing. The one-	East Bethesda Citizens
Parking , Design	size-fits all ZTA approach does not account for differences in the county and the 1-	Association (EBCA)
	In favor of integrating attainable housing into community with some reservations.	
	One of the primary concerns includes that the ZTA process does not allow for	
	proper neighborhood-level input and is too broad, specifically as it realates to the	
	pattern book where residents should have significant input. Additional concerns	
	include incompatible existing height and massing structures for the proposed	
	small apartment buildings along Connecticut Ave., as well as concerns about	
	limiting parking in these areas and stormwater management issues associated	Andy Leon Harney, on behalf of
Scale of AHS; Design;	with higher densities. Suggests including stormwater management in approvals	Section 3 of the Village of Chevy
Environment	associated with increasing density.	Chase
	In favor of the initiative as a means to provide homes for more people at	
	affordable rates. Supports the idea of design patterns to ensure neighborhoods	
	with dwellings of different types that maintain setbacks and give neighborhoods	
Housing	consistency.	Anne Clawson, property owner

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	In favor of the building of multiple units on close in suburban lots in order to	
	increase housing options, but suggests subsidies or low interest construction	
	loans for owner-developers to build on existing lots in order to give older	
	residents the option to age-in-place. Does not support a plan that encourages the	
Housing; Senior Housing;	demolition of existing smaller, older homes - encourage the demolition of	
Developer incentives	McMansions, when possible.	Barb Siegel, property owner
	Supportive of a wider variety of housing types and affordability levels. Believes	
	that residents at all income levels should benefit from living in close proximity to	
	transit, jobs, and services and that children would benefit both academically and	
	socially by having more diverse schools. Important to follow through on Thrive	
Housing; Diversity	2050 and make it a reality.	Barbara Ditzler, property owner
	Attainable housing is mechanism for creating more opportunities for residents to	
	live in Montgomery County. The County is almost entirely built out, creating more	
	housing will reduce housing prices and create more equitable outcomes.	Brandi Panbach, property
	Residents living closer to their jobs will also reduce carbon emissions and climate	owner, steering committee
Housing; Environment	change impacts.	member Montgomery for All
	The pattern book discusses removal of neighborhood compatibility which creats	
	an anything goes approach that could ultimatley lead to environmental concerns	
Environment	that stem from the removal of trees and poor air quality.	Brenda Freeman
	Montgomery County lacks the kind of housing that the community needs to	
	accomodate the growing and changing residents, which will include fewer nuclear	
Housing	households and more singles and elderly residents.	Brian O'Looney, resident
	There are too few housing options in the county that are too expensive and if we	
	don't add more to the housing stock, residents will be pushed out. Young people	
	and diverse populations should be welcomed into the County. Encourages the	
	County to allow attainable housing by right in all corridor focused growth	
	corridors and callenge patterns of exclusion and inequity perpetuated by single-	
Housing; Equity	family zoning.	Carolyn Lampilla, resident

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	Attainable housing has the potential to add tools to the housing toolbox that would alleviate the housing shortage and improve racial and economic equality, foster sustainability and environmental quality, and provide services for current and future residents. More housing near transit allows for the maximization of the benefits of such as emissions reductions from decreased reliance on cars and reduction in car-related expenses which makes housing more affordable. Recommendations for the initiative include ensuring that the pattern book aligns with the neighborhood fabric and that the new homes are more affordable than	
Housing; Environment; Equity	existing housing types and revisiting the R-200 zone recommendations, specifically for those located near the agricultural reserve, consider adding a transit proximity measure as a condition for construciton here.	Carrie Kisicki, Coalition for Smarter Growth
Housing	Supportive of the efforts for attainable housing in the County, urges the planning board to focus on the broader context of a severe housing shortage that canonly be addressed by building more housing. Any of the ancillary concerns are of secondary importnace. Asks that when the planning board considers the technical details they always stretch for more housing, where possible.	Carter Dougherty, resident and member of the Montgomery for All Steering Committee
Housing: Health	Concerned about the cost of living in County, specifically from a public health perspective. Not only does homelessess create strain on the health, it also creates hostile work environments within the hospital system. Beyond that, healthcare workers often have to live really far away to be able to afford housing and some positions remain vacant because certain roles are required to live within a certain distance of the bospital, which puts patients at risk	
Housing: Scale of AUS	distance of the hospital, which puts patients at risk. Suggests that the attainable housing strategies initiative will enrich development interests at the expense of communities because it does not account for impact on individual communities. Recommends under-developed property inventory as	Christopher Vroom, resident
Housing; Scale of AHS	a solution to addressing housing need.	Comment form

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Housing; Scale of AHS	Greater Greater Washington poll found that housing was the number 1 issue for most respondents and that 80% of respondetns said they supported builders to allow the building of more houses of different styles in different locaitons. and 58% were in favor of allowing townhomes, duplexes, and apartments in areas zoned for Single-Family Zones. The Planning Board should consider how the public process can better reflect what the public actually wants or needs, specifically related to how the fights for townhouses or other projects can take a long time and cost a lot of money but it is really easy to knock down a Single- Family home and build a bigger one. A one-size-fits all approach might actually be better - if it's done project-by-project it will take even longer and not benefit low- income residents.	Dan Reid, Greater Greater Washington
Housing; Scale of AHS; Environment; Design	Supportive of attempt to add more housing, but argues that this isn't the answer in all of the County, specifically that attainable housing should only be considered for new development, not infill. Supports attainable housing through Master Planning. Another solution to the housing problem is to make development cheaper, using tools such as the GIP to do that. From a design perspective, notes that there is inconsistency in the pattern book, specifically on pg. 26 an acceptable design with sloping roofs is marked as acceptable, but the association argues that this is not acceptable. Notes that parking reductions will not work because how narrow the streets are already difficult for emergency vehichles and school buses. Consider stormwater management difficulties in older neighborhoods as well.	
Simplification of process; Developer incentives; Design	Generally supportive of attainable housing. Specific suggestions include increasing what is allowed, simplifying the zoning so that it is accessible to small scale developers, eliminating the elements of the pattern book that prescribe what is attractive or creates social interaction, and speeding up the process of passing attainable housing. More general suggestions include rethinking if zoning is in the public interest and loosening zoning everywhere.	Daniel Marcin, property owner

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Housing; Infrastructure	Require that duplexes only be built in the R-200 if connected to public water and sewer service, similar to the multiplex recommendations in the estate zones under optional method.	Darnestown Civic Assc, Scott Plumer
Housing; Scale of AHS; Simplification of Process	Downtown Bethesda has expanded rapidly with many multifamily buildings in place. This initiative would rezone the area to allow for multiplexes and reduced parking, thus pushing density into single-family neighborhoods, despite the Downtown Bethesda Plan including language that speaks to the preservation of single-family neighborhoods. This highlights that a one-size-fits all approach will not work. A better understanding of outcomes in areas where such policies have been implemented as well as a more comprehensive review of other elements of the development process such as permitting rules and procedures and impact on schools is needed. The Planning Board should review other county policies aimed at providing more affordable housing such as the MPDU program which has not been updated in 20 years. The draft does not reflect the idea that the county does not want developers to buy a whole block of homes, tear them down, and build quadplexes – need to be more intentional about ensuring that this does not happen.	David Barnes, Edgemoor Citizens Association
Housing; climate	In favor of the initiative, suggests Bethesda, North Bethesda, Potomac, and Chevy Chase should be singled out for density increases in order to lower home prices and minimize displacement. In favor of parts of the initiative that reduce automobile dependency in order to reduce carbon emissions.	David Woodward, resident
Housing; Simplification of process	The Attainable Housing Strategies Initiative would be an effective way to transition areas like the Sacks Subdivision to higher density housing that is compatible with the neighborhood without forcing any homeowner to sell. There needs to be an effective mechanism for change other than the use of floating zones for transitioning areas like Sacks that are near Metro stations into higher density housing to meet the future needs of the County.	Ellen Rader, property owner

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	Attainable housing near transit is effective and necessary in Montgomery County	
	which continues to have issues with the aging housing stock, especially as it	
	relates to housing for disabled, elderly, and unhoused residents. The beautiful	
	landscapes of the county often covers up unstable or poor housing conditions	
Housing, Health	that contribute to poor health.	Eneshal Miller, renter
	Exclusive single-family zoning perpetuates legacies of segregation of class and	
	race. Acknowledge that zoning alone is not sufficient and that substantial public	
	and private investment, new construction, effective preservation strategies, and	
	subsidies will also be necessary to prevent displacement pressure. But zoning is	
	one important tool to this end, because you cannot preserve affordable rental	
Housing; Transportation;	housing that was never built. Particularly supportive of the development of	George L. Leventhal, on behalf
Equity	Priority Housing Districts near transit.	of the PLCC
	Montgomery County is its most diverse in places where new housing has been	
	built at a variety of sizes. Expanding attainable housing options will benefit	
	younger and new residents and generally benefit the county. Prioritizing such	
	housing near rail and BRT stations will allow the county to make better use of its	
Housing; Transportation	transit investments.	Graham Reid, property owner
	Supportive of the initiative, believes that the lack of diversity of housing types	
	allowed by right in the zoning code creates housing that does not meet the needs	
	of residents. Housing is too expensive and can't meet needs of aging population.	
	It is also clustered away from transit and other services which increases car	
	dependency and climate change impacts. Current zoning allows teardowns for	
	large detached SFH but not apartment buildings - need a zoning change to	
	teardown and rebuild an apartment building. Specifically in East Silver Spring and	
Housing	in other areas near transit need to allow a wider variety of housing types.	Gray Kimborough, resident

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	Currents the principle of Attainable Upusing if implemented particular general	
	Supports the principle of Attainable Housing, if implemented correctly. In general, feedback centers around the need to maintain setbacks and general	
	neighborhood feel for the new multifamily housing. First recommendation is to	
	include a pattern book for triplexes that conforms to local building codes and that	
	all pattern books be developed as such to give residents a visual of what the	
	housing would look like. Second recommendation includes designation of Priority	
	Housing Districts and AHOM and all denser forms of development through minor	
	master plan amendments to ensure community input. Question the logic behind	
	the 1 mile from transit radius as stipulated, given that other regional and national	
	bodies use 1/2 mile and 1/4 mile radiuses. The comment also includes 6 specific	
	clarifying questions:	
	1. Further clarity is needed regarding lot combinations and lot chaining.	
	2. Why does Chevy Chase need to accomodate additional housing despite 28	
	ongoing projects that exceed the targets laid out. Questions why other transit	
	oriented areas like Wheaton, SS, Takoma Park, etc will bear less of the burden.	
	3. How will the planning department apply the pattern book to adaptive reuse	
	projects given the nature of conversions and additions? What implications does	
	this hold for small-scale development?	
	4. Clarify is needed regarding the lot subdivision process for multifamily including	
	whether ADUs can be constructed by right as a part of multifamily development.	
	5. With private equity ownership on the rise, should the county consider an excise	
	tax for multifamily properties owned by private investors?	
	6. Should the county consider the prohibition of short-term rentals within new	Irene N. Lane, Mayor, on behalf
Design; Scale of AHS; Housing	multifamily housing developments in resdiential neighborhoods?	of the Town of Chevy Chase
	Allowing a wider range of housing types in areas with great access to transit	
Housing; Transportation	supports greater inclusion, sustainability, and economic health.	Jacob Barker, resident

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	Allowing more dense housing near metro stations improves affordability and	
	reduces the environmental impacts of urban sprawl. Denser housing can be	
	achieved through zoning easement, permitting simplification, lot subdivision, and	
	Accessory Dwelling Unit construction. The department should consider which	
Housing, Simplication of	steps in the development process are actually necessary for these new housing	
Process, Environment	types and provide a simplified process to ensure these dwellings are affordable.	Jacob Goldberg, renter
	Highlights this plan as a win for everyone, making communities more accessible	
	for all. Notes that studies have shown that denser housing closer to transit	
	corridors increases transit use as well as bikeability and walkability, thus reducing	
Housing, Transportation,	emissions from transportation. Specifically suggests that 16 units per dwelling	Jake Goodman, board member
Environment	acres is sufficient for better supporting such outocmes.	action committee for transit
	Suggests that the board considers completely cutting parking minimums in order	
	to maximize developmental land acreage for housing. The current system makes	
Parking , Housing,	it very difficult for pedestrians and people in wheelchairs to get around without a	
Transportation	car.	Jake Goodman, resident
	Montgomery County zoning policies have contributed to the county's lag in new	
	residential construction and substantial drop in the rate of addition of housing	
	units over the past decade compared to other jurisdictions in the region. This	
	initiative will not fix all the problems, but would be a solid step to encourage more	James Olson, on behalf of
Housing	production of housing.	Action in Montgomery (AIM)
	Supportive of attainable housing because of the high cost of housing. To be a	
	truly welcoming communiyt, the County needs more housing opportunities of all	
	kinda. Polling shows that there is support for this, but more comprehsnive	
	surveys and data are needed to back this up. The real one size fits all approach to	
Housing	zoning is that 95% of of residential land in the County is single-family.	Jane Lyons Raeder (sp?), renter

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Infrastructure, Transportation, Developer	Endorses efforts to expand affordable and permanant supportive housing stock so that low-income individuals aren't pushed out. However, believes that rezoning areas such as East Bethesda requires more research to avoid issues with infrastructure, school capacity, stormwater runoff, and transportation. Since missing middle housing will be fair market, there is no guaruntee that it will be attainable, especially snce there is no guaruntee that units will be purchased by potential homeowners instead of investors. From a transportation perspective, assuming that only a small percentage of people will own cars is unrealstic until metro gets more funding and ridership. Notes that a lot of people testifying in their personal capacity are also members of the Montgomery for All steering	
Incentives	Committee.	Jeff Endic (sp?), resident
Housing; Transportation; Climate	Please support recommendations that allow for attainable housing by-right in corridor-focused growth areas as defined by Thrive 2050. This transit-oriented housing will serve as a climate solution for our region while also ensuring all people have walkable, bikeable, and accessible places to live.	Jen Hawse, property owner
Senior Housing	Housing should be available to all incomes, with low-income access to housing a priority. Asks the County to consider senior housing needs, as there is no current option for less space at a lower cost. Notes that more people in the county translates to more tax revenue and better businesses.	Jerry Withers, resident
Housing	Supportive of attainable housingin the form of ADUs. Notes the range of benefits that ADUs bring including additional streams of income for homeowners, multigenerational living experiences that reduce expenses on nursing homes, densification without impacting neighborhood fabric, additional units without large-scale construction projects that strain infrastructure, and affordable housing options in otherwise out of reach neighborhoods. Incentives for building ADUs should be included in the initiative.	Jill Lomaz, resident

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	Concerned about the one sized fits all approach, changes should be made at the neighborhood level. Worried about impacts that reduction in parking will have on dense neighborhoods where parking is already a challenge and how it will impact the elderly, folks with physical challenges, pedestrians, access to charging for electric vehicles, as well as access to NOAH. Unclear about the Middle Scale	
Scale of AHS; Parking;	option - would it affect whole neighborhoods or just properties on the main	Joan Barron, Chevy Chase West
Housing; Parking	avenues (Wisconsin south of Bradley).	Neighborhood Association
	Supports attainable housing throughout the community, along transit and in other areas that are bearing the brunt of increased housing prices. Requests urgency from the planning board, home prices have increased almost 15% since	Johnathan Robinson,
Housing, Transportation	the board originally proposed this.	Affordable Maryland PAC
Housing, Parking , Design,	There is no way that quad or triplexes can fit into R-60 neighborhoods without impacting the fabric and livability of the neighborhood. From a design perspective, pattern books cannot mitigate development pressures to maximize the building footprint to the 35% coverage maximum in R-60 zones, which would make homes two to three times the size of typical houses in these neighborhoods. They would essentially be McMansions, just with multiple units. From a parking perspective, reducing parking requirements will not reduce parking demand. With a full lot development, there is no space for the allowed 6-8 cars per lot, which lead to parking lot development that negatively impacts tree canopy. Streets are too narrow to accomodate additional street parking. Recommends relaxing ADU	
Environment	standards so that new housing could be added to additional lots instead.	Jon Lory (sp?), resident

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Housing, Transportation,	Supportive of the initiative, highlighting that rigid single-family zoning has forced people to drive until they can afford their housing, which results in neighborhoods with cars as the only viable form of transportation, which ultimately increases traffic. Rigid single-family zoning. The County needs new residents to remain fiscally viable and the current status quo makes it impossible to afford a house even with a white collar job and no debt from college. Notes that special consideration should be given to senior housing options and housing for	
Senior Housing	essential workers.	Jordan Day, renter
	Encourages the commission to engage in a surplus land/density to see what potential housing sites are available on underutilized land, specifically looking at HOAs, Condominiums, MCPS properties, PEPCO, and WGL. Suggests using some	
Housing	of the land from Cabin John Park for additional housing. Supports attainable housing because it's important to have a sustainable and	Joyce Siegel, resident
Housing, Transportation, Environment	welcoming place to live and this inititative makes housing more affordable by dividing the cost of land between multiple households. Attainable housing also encourages environmentally sustainable uses of the land that we have, making transit more viable.	Kevin Shen, renter
	There is nothing equitable about the Attainable Housing Strategy Initiative, Black people have and continue to be collateral damage for the Montgomery County Planning apparatus that continues to dismiss displacement as unintended consequences. The initiative is not an attainable housing strategy, but urban renewal 2.0. There are currently 30,000 people on the waiting list for subsidized housing from the Housing Opportunities Commission and the majority of people projected to move to the area have incomes lower than \$50,000. The attainable housing outlined in this plan will be market rate housing that is unaffordable to these people while also removing black people and other people of color from their homes and neighborhoods. AHS needs language stating right of return, absolutely no net loss of affordable housing, and the protection of naturally	Kimberlyn Persaad, EPIC of
Housing, Equity	occurring affordable housing (NOAH).	МоСо

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	Mature neighborhoods should not bear the brunt of the recommendations for more attainable housing. Specifically, on Connecticut Avenue in Chevy Chase, medium scale housing should not be allowed, as it would distrupt the peace of current residents. Attainable housing in this area is out of the scale of the neighborhood and would wipe out blocks of existing homes while creating	
	parking issues. Residents and tax payers have a reasonable expectation in zoning	
Housing, Parking	stabiltiy.	Laura Lederman, resident
Housing, Equity, Parking	Montgomery County needs more housing. Zoning that gives preference to prohibitively expensive detached single family homes limits access to high- opportunity or otherwise desirable locations and perpetuates patterns of racial and economic exclusion.	Leah Michaels, property owner
	Demand for attainable housing exists and all of the close-in areas around the beltway are well suited because of transportation access. As a real estate agent right now, she is experiencing a lot of desperation from people looking to buy because there are so few homes on the market. The houses being sold right now are too large and if they were split into duplexes or triplexes it would be more	Lean mendels, property owner
Housing, Transportation	transfer tax revenue, more property revenue, more revenue for businesses, etc.	Liz Brent, Go Brent Real Estate

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	Concerned about the approach to parking and generally disagrees with the reduction in parking minimums. Overall, thinks that parking should be considered at the neighborhood scale and changes should not be made countywide. Quantifying the amount of dollar savings on housing that AHS will create is important. Requests that the planning department review data on where people are driving to for work, school, family activities, sporting events, grocery stores and ensure that there is sufficient parking at and around these locations. Similarly concerned about tightening parking in neighborhoods as more units are added and the effects it will have on people being able to park when they return home from the previously listed events. Specifically calls out how reduced parking will negatively impact the elderly and handicapped, who already suffer from diminished access to parking. Concerned about inequities that will result from	
Parking; Scale of AHS; Equity;	reducing parking spots - people with more money will have spots while others do	
Food Access	not. Notes that EV charging is difficult from on-street parking spots.	Lloyd Guerci, resident
Housing, Environment	Failing to support by right attainable housing will hamper opportunities for County residents as well as environmental goals. The draft report does not reflect a one-size-fits-all approach, the current zoning structure does. Strongly supports by right attainable housing. We need to be able to build housing close to job centers and transportation that is responsive to both renters and homewonwers.	Martin Posthumus, steering committee member montgomery for all, speaking as a resident
Scale of AHS	A lot of these housing types are already in development around transit areas in Friendship Heights. Recommends converting underutilized commercial properties into larger scale properties. Recommends small area planning to address issues of transportation, walkability/sidewalks, and parking as opposed to sweeping zoning changes. More public transit options are needed to make this housing and parking charges viable. Urban Institute found that relaxing zoning laws does not provide substantial increases in housing supply - missing middle housing will still be market rate and could ultimately be more expensive than exisiting single family housing.	Matt Pacinelli, Citizens Coordinating Committee of Friendship Heights (CCFH)

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	Suggests that the initiative will not have the intended effects and will upend	
Housing	existing neighborhooods and devastate homeowners.	Mic Gearhart, property owner
	Attainable housing is important for ensuring that Montgomery County is	
	welcoming and sustainable for all. Right now, if you cannot afford a Single-Family	
	Detached home you cannot live here, which perpetuates racial and economic	
	exclusion. Denser housing is needed along transit to increase walkability and	
Housing, Transportation,	decrease car dependency. More homes in areas where they already exist will	
Equity	support improving infrastructure in those areas.	Michael Delong, property owner
Simplication of Process	Supportive of attainable housing, wants to see faster action.	Michael Ditka, resident
	Supportive of attainable housing and asks the Planning Board to do what needas	
	to be done to make housing more affordable. Opposition based on the initiative	
	not doing enough for housing is weak because if you try and do everything	
	nothing will get done. Urges the Planning Board to not make concessions in order	
Housing	to placate the fear of change that can be heard in the voices of some neighbors.	Michael English, resident
	Attainable housing will create more affordable housing because costs are divided	
	between plexes, making homes that are within reach for a wider range of incomes	
	and housing, ultimately challenging patterns of racial discrimination and inequity.	
	Housing that is built near transit stops and corridors allows more people to	
	choose mass transit and active transportation options like walking and biking and	Michael Larkin, on behalf of
Housing; climate; equity	ultimately reduce carbon emissions.	Montgomery for All
	The Board should fully and unequivocally support this initiative so that missing	
	middle type housing can be built starting tomorrow. We need to be creative in	
	providing affordable and attainable housing, but also cognizant that the	
	developers and builders are not going to do this in lieu of a more profitable single-	
Housing; Developer incentives	family build if there are no inventives.	Mimi Kress, developer

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	We are at a unique moment in history where there is support for expanding	
	housing options at all levels of government that we need to maximize. Housing	
	attainability is tied to economic future of the community because people who	Ralph Bennett, Affordable
	work in Montgomery County cannot afford to live here. Zoning is not the only	Housing Conference of
Housing	barrier to affordable housing.	Montgomery County
	Supportive of the initiative and the pattern book, interested in seeing potential	
	sketches of designs in the book. Questions the practical need for current height	
	and setback standards, noting that more plexes could be built if the squate	
Housing; Design	footage was slightly larger.	Rebecca Mann, property owner
	There are other cities across the United States, like St. Louis, where duplexes,	
	triplexes, and single-family homes coexist naturally in older neighborhoods built	
	in the 1930s, before zoning changed the fabric of newer neighborhoods.	
	Recognizes current privilege of living in a large single-family home near the metro	
	and wants to expand housing option tyopes so that more people can benefit from	
Housing, Transportation	transit access.	Robert Fares, property owner
	Duplexes and small apartment buildings owned by MHP in East Silver Spring and	
	Long Branch are proof that attainable housing can coexist alongside single-family	
	detached housing. Supports the recommendations, particularly those that would	
	allow attainable housing by right in corridor focused growth areas such as the	
	Purple Line and BRT corridors. Recommends increasing density along state	
	highways, where single-family zones were developed prior to the beltway, metro,	
	and other transit options. Also recommends allowing small apartment buildings	
	by right along land directly abutting transit corridors and state highway corridors	
	since many of these already have 70s era apartment buildings already. If the	
Housing, Transportation,	department continues to rely on the master plan or amendment process, single-	Robert Goldman, Montgomery
Scale of AHS	family zoning will stay in place.	Housing Partnership

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Infrastructure; Environment	Recommends that the planning board consider the balance between density and quality of life, specifically ensuring that public facilities, utilities, and stormwater infrastructure are adequate to support additional units. Recommends the preservation of green space and tree cover as new units are added.	Robert Oshel, resident
Housing; Environment; Infrastructure; Developer	Offering a wider range of housing options can achieve desirable results if the increased density considers critical factors impacting a neighborhood's quality of life. Key among these are the preservation of the natural environment, the adequacy of public facilities and utilities, the implementation safeguards to prevent real estate developer exploitation, and the preservation of Naturally	
incentives	Existing Affordable Housing.	Roberta Steinman, resident
Housing; Environment; Infrastructure	Against the attainable housing strategies initiative. This upzoning push does not take into account the many available units, green space, light, schools, and livability.	Skaidra Waggoner, resident
	Suggests that the planning department consider including a focus on green areas, parks, playgrounds to reduce heat island and stormwater effects of additional housing. Asks if the planning department has considered grocery store transit and pedestrian accessibility, incentives for solar and green roofs on apartment buildings, and how the reduction in parking minimums will be managed.	
Parking; Environment; Food	Specifically, will multifamily units only be allowed a certain number of cars per	
access	unit? Flower Hill is an example of a community that has a mix of single-family detached, townhomes, and small apartments and is still flourishing and desirable. The current housing market is prohibitively expensive. People of all income brackets should be able to live in the neighborhood of their choosing with services and retail within walking distance. There should be no more single-family detached	Stephenie Moczydlowski
Housing	neighborhoods.	Steven Kraft, property owner

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	A key part of the climate action plan is to reduce traffic and one of the ways to do	
	this is to create walkable communities. Currently, serviceworkers and others	
	have to move farther out in the county to afford housing, which leads to a vicious	
	cycle of razing of trees, building of more and larger highways to reduce traffic. The	
	propsed AHSI could do that if it is allowed to reach its full potential.	
	Recommendations include not allowing Mcmansions within a half mile of metro,	
Housing, Parking ,	more dense housing closer to transit, and creating a fee-based street parking	
Transportation, Environment	system.	Stu Simon, Sierra Club
	Against housing policies that allow demolishing of single-family housing for	
	multifamily housing. Notes that houses in R-60 neighborhoods are already too	
	close together and that multifamily buildings should be on main roads, not in	
Housing	neighborhoods.	Suzanne Krauth, resident
Housing, Parking	Most people at the session have time and resources to create the luxury of having their voices heard. Many county residents cannot be there because they are struggling to pay rent, do not own cars, and use public transit. There is currently an oversupply of parking and an undersupply of housing that creates excessively high housing costs. It costs between \$70K and \$100K to build one underground parking spot in the County and these costs are passed down to residents. There are a growing number of people experiencing homelessness that are employed but cannot afford ahousing. The large cement parking structures in downtown Silver Spring are empty more often than not and should be converted to housing.	Timothy Ernst, resident
Housing; Senior Housing; Simplification of process	Community survey results found that the two biggest issues were that their children will not be able to afford homes in the area and that seniors cannot afford to downsize. Recommends allowing for up to 6 units, townhouses, and small apartment buildings wiht modest height easements in all communities, not just around activity corridors and explore building code modernizations to support this. Suggests that setback boundaries should be revisited to better support vibrant walkable communities.	Tony Byrne, on behalf of the North Woodside Civic Association

Attainable Housing Strategies Comment Matrix		
Issue Categories	Testimony or Comments	Commenter
	 supports attainable housing strategies in takoma park, homes are out of reach for most families in the region starter homes are being replaced by larger homes if we insist on keeping the neighborhood the same, it will no longer be affordable to the people who currently live there and then will ultimately change missing middle housing in Houston shows that townhosues have seen more affordable prices and the area has seen additional black and latino residents 	
Housing	move to the area	Tushar Kansal, resident