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To: Selene Colburn
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Hi Selene:

I was looking online at the CD committee schedule and couldn't spot how and when to submit comments on the housing strategy report -- or whether the CD committee is still considering the document. I strongly agree with the report's most important point: we're facing a housing crisis in Burlington in terms of the available supply of housing and its affordability -- especially in the rental market. I believe we need to provide more land for housing, while also focusing on ways of increasing the percentage of people who shift from two cars to one, or from one to none. Certainly continuing improvement of CCTA services, as well as improving facilities for biking and walking are essential if that's to be accomplished. It may make more sense to ease parking requirements for new development, and instead have new development contribute financially to cover a portion of the costs of transit, bike, and ped improvements. In other words, I would rather see a form of development fee or impact fee (if that's possible) covering that while reducing maximum parking requirements -- especially in the downtown and near downtown areas.

In any event, please let me know the best way to contribute ideas and feedback on housing issues. Thanks for the work you've been doing so far on Council; was good to hear your updates at the recent NPA meetings.

Thanks,

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