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Please accept this "Public Comment" for Item #5, Consideration of Planning Commission Recommendations for Approval of the Lompoc Housing Element Update on the November 21 City Council Agenda.

1. On page B-12, Implementation Number H-A.23 it states, "the City shall amend its Zoning Ordinance to revise the definition of "family" by eliminating distinctions and numeric restrictions in related and unrelated individuals". ***I strongly disagree with this change.***

The dictionary defines a family like this: "a group of one or more parents and their children living together as a unit; and all the descendants of a common ancestor. Changing the commonly held definition of a family be waiving a political wand is unreasonable.

2. The government has been trying to "fix" the housing problem since the early 1960's when they created large apartment buildings and crammed thousands of people into tight spaces AKA "high density". All they managed to do was create poorly managed and maintained crime ridden ghettos.

Now, Senate Bill 9 (2021) aims to increase density in single-family zones by requiring ministerial approval of two primary dwelling units in a single-family zone and/or the subdivision of a parcel in a single-family zone into two parcels. This means that neither the Planning Commission or the City Council will have an opportunity to evaluate the impact of this change in R-1 neighborhoods.

3. One of the proposed new sites at 1600 East Ocean (site #30, attachment 8 on the agenda) may not be suitable for construction of a multi-unit housing project because it is located below a steep slope known for having some serious earthen "blow outs" during the rainy season and may have geologic issues due to unstable soil if the earth below the slope is altered to allow development. The result could cause the slippage of several residential lots on Berkeley Drive.

If you agree with the politicians in Sacramento that increased density is the answer, take a look at Isla Vista. This is the best local example of how high density housing impacts a community. Or, simply travel the R-1 zoned streets of Lompoc and see how congested they are ***without*** having two-primary dwelling units on the same property.

Is this Housing Update your vision for our city? Adopting these changes will simply deteriorate the quality of life in our city.

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