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Dear Mayor Carter and Council Members,

My name is Corina Serrano and I am a Ward 1 resident and I urge Council Member Thao and you all to vote NO on the Alatus appeal on the Lexington Station Apartments.

The 2040 Comprehensive Plan is “used by City staff and private developers as a blueprint for future development” and requires that "equity and opportunity" is a core value and should be infused in all city decisions.

As mentioned by many other community members in their letters to the planning committee, while the developer has stated they have included "affordable" units in their development, these are not affordable to most community members in our area where our incomes are well below the AMI for the metro area.

Beyond that, they only make that "guarantee" for 10 years which is hardly long term affordability and many of these units are what they deem "co-living suites". These "suites", from their own description, appear to be just another term for Single Room Occupancy and while this can be an great independent transitional housing opportunity for some folks that usually come with supportive services in addition, this is not the case in this development. This will inflate SRO rents in the surrounding areas, which are already hard to come by and further displace vulnerable populations that normally would be able to afford and obtain support in these settings.

Please vote to continue to protect our community that is already facing a housing crisis.

Thank you!
Corina Serrano
Ward 1 Resident