



April 19, 2021

Re: Comprehensive Plan Update

To: Franklin County Planning Commission Members and Franklin County Board of Commissioners

With this letter we offer our full support of the Comprehensive Plan Alternative #3. Specifically, we strongly encourage the Planning Commission Members to officially recommend this alternative at their next meeting on May 4th. We also strongly encourage the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to not delay and to vote to adopt the Comprehensive Plan Alternative #3 within the month of May.

Franklin County is in dire need of additional housing options, and adoption of the Comp Plan will help alleviate this situation. We encourage you to act expeditiously on this approval.

The Tri-Cities Multiple Listing Service (MLS) recently came out with its March 2021 statistics and the number of active listings has fallen to a critical level of only 159 homes for sale. Seven to eight years ago this number was in the 1000 to 1200 range, with far less population than lives here now. There is about a two-week supply of homes for sale in the Tri-Cities. This is not healthy for a real estate market.

We realize this is a national phenomenon, but it doesn't make it any less urgent for our area. We implore you to take immediate action, to allow our area to continue to grow in a reasonable way. The Comp Plan update is long past due and any further delay will only make matters worse.

We realize that there are many stakeholders in this process. We urge you to work together for the good of the area and bring the Comp Plan update to a successful conclusion in May 2021.

Thank you for your work and service to our great community.

Warm Regards,

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