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Dear Santa Barbara county supervisors,
I received the notice of the upcoming meeting regarding streamlining of housing regulations, especially for ADU and multi-family and I think this is a good thing for Santa Barbara county

I have a nice job and have worked here for over 18 years and I am still priced completely out of the market. Much more so than even 5 years ago. We all want Santa Barbara to stay pleasant and nice place to live, but there must be more options for people who are lower income to working class to middle class.

It seems like developers want to build big sprawling houses and estates, which makes sense if that's your goal to make money, and I think more needs to be done to encourage smaller units that can be built in denser areas, leaving open space yet still encouraging housing that normal people can buy. Because of my work I have developer friends who tell me right now the regulations aren't possible to do that in a businesslike.manner and so it's just not feasible for them. Encouraging more ADU units in particular would make it easier for Mom and Pop landlords, increasing density of smaller scale housing without taking away open space, and I think this would be a good thing.

Thank you for your consideration and putting this on the agenda for the upcoming meeting

Best regards

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