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Mayor Steinberg and Sacramento City Councilmembers
Sacramento City Hall
951 I Street, Sacramento CA, 95814

RE: 2040 General Plan Update: Missing Middle Housing & Maximum Floor Area Ratio

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

The Environmental Council of Sacramento (ECOS) asks for your vote to support staff's proposal for the missing middle housing ordinance as part of the General Plan Update. For over 50 years, ECOS has urged our region to increase infill housing as opposed to sprawl development, in order to preserve habitat and make our air healthier to breathe. More recently it has become clear that this is needed to limit greenhouse gas emissions that jeopardize the future of our species, and to deal with our #1 local issue: the lack of affordable housing and concomitant homelessness. For these reasons, ECOS has consistently promoted investment in public transit and light rail, and the development of transit-oriented infill development. Additionally, ECOS recognizes that our past discriminatory housing policy has caused a development pattern that must be adjusted to promote environmental justice and equity.

By switching from density-based zoning through unit caps to intensity-based zoning based on floor-area ratio (FAR), and by increasing the allowable FAR near transit, the City Council is taking bold and necessary action to deal with these issues. We believe that this will also lead to a more vibrant Sacramento, with opportunity for positive interaction among all residents.

We look forward to your continuing leadership to build a better Sacramento.

Sincerely,

Ralph Propper, Climate Committee Chair,
Environmental Council of Sacramento