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Hello. My name is Tanya Golash-Boza and I live in District 5 in Merced. I am writing with regard to the affordable housing discussion, agenda item K-2.

I write to urge the City Council to approve an Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance that provides affordable housing for Merced residents. The Mayor and City Council have long lamented homelessness in Merced, a problem caused directly by the lack of affordable housing. In addition to the human rights issue, the costs associated with homelessness mean affordable housing makes fiscal sense.

I want to live in a city where all residents have access to safe and affordable housing. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights sets out the right to shelter as a basic human right. It is incumbent on our city to do what we can to ensure that developers are not the only one benefiting from the taxpayer-funded growth in our city. People that need safe and affordable housing should benefit as well.

Finally, any Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance has to be capacious enough to meet the dire need for affordable housing. Merced has a large number of low-income people and we need to ensure that everyone can afford housing.

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Check out my [TEDx talk](#) on gentrification in Washington, DC:

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