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Comment on Item K2 Inclusionary Zone Ordinance

There is a serious lack of affordable housing in Merced. Higher priced housing is more profitable to developers and landlords. We cannot expect them to voluntarily cut their income, but for the good of the community, more affordable housing is needed.

Sierra Saving Grace homeless project has not found new housing. It concentrates on finding rentals or property in need of re-modelling to comply with codes and regulations such as HUD section 8. Because of a lack of new affordable housing, people who could afford good basic housing are forced to stay in sub-standard. That prevents the marginally homeless from even basic housing.

Inclusionary Zone Ordinance would create upward movement all along the chain of housing. It would cause many to be exposed to higher standards, thus increase the over-all standard of living. Children who grow up with standards of property maintenance become better property managers. Although it would add to the expense of builders, it would provide them incentive to be creative and economically inclusive for the betterment of the entire city.

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