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Honorable Mayor and Council Members,

Merced Boosters Club would like to express to the Merced City Council our opposition to the Inclusionary Zoning policy under consideration in item K.2 on the Agenda for your consideration on April 19th, 2021.

The Boosters support affordable housing in our community, but we believe Inclusionary Zoning is a step in the wrong direction to create affordable housing. Merced and associated communities are already meeting our Regional Housing Needs Allocation, as required by the state. Very few communities can say the same. Presentations by staff show that the projects that support affordable housing are well distributed throughout the city of Merced.

The problem of affordable housing can be summed up in a single word. Supply. The barriers to development are many, but supporting the creation of supply through a comprehensive review and revision of the zoning code and making the construction of a diversity of smaller units would be a step in the right direction for those that are looking to buy their first home or scale down into retirement.

Inclusionary zoning is just another hurdle and cost that will further distort the supply of housing in our growing community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert J Dylina", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Robert J Dylina
President, Merced Boosters