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Hello,

I just watched the May 18TH 7 PM meeting and wanted to share some quick things.

First, A general rule of thumb is that apartments have corridor hallways and sometimes lobbies; plex's do not—just an FYI. 😊

Second, I hope that when you explore various middle housing options, **backyard cottages** with minimal restrictions and requirements, making them much more affordable and profitable for builders, can become an option. Such as, these dwellings would not require common areas, private open spaces, detached parking & landscaping, minimum unit count, size variety, setback compliance, porches, pollinator habitat, and so on can become a middle housing option being much less restrictive, providing much-needed housing, unlike the amended cottage codes about to be approved by council members which **will not** produce housing as needed.

Happy to hear you are working with Opticos Design moving forward with exploring a variety of housing choices that can meet the needs and budgets of various households.

I was about to reach out to senior associate Tony Perez at Opticos to discuss how backyard cottages could benefit our City as infill housing, but I believe this should be left up to Elisa Keim and her team if the commissioners think this is worth exploring.

Pam Sager clarified that she wants to look at all housing options which I support 100%. I hope the rest of you agree.

I am pleased that Olympia took control of making much-needed statewide housing changes.

Good luck with the middle housing venture.

Michael Sweazey