

## Thanh Dang

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In reading the February City Council minutes it appears that plans for the apartments to be built in and around Regal Cinema is moving forward. That is great news! We really need to be making better use of the land and space in our city and creates denser spaces that allow for people to access their needs without using a car. I thank you all for helping this project along. I am also glad that it will not be for students housing but for families who need it. I sincerely hope that it won't be too high end but will be a solution in resolving the affordable housing crisis that we're in as well.

On that note I do have a concern about the shopping center proposed for North Valley and Mt. Clinton Pike. According to the map that was shown on WHSV it looks like it will be yet another wrench in the works toward better designed spaces in the city and surrounding area. It looks to be yet another maze of parking and single-story stand-alone buildings that create messy traffic patterns and waste space. This is the type of poor design that has gotten us into trouble. Why not take this space and go up creating business below and apartments above on streets that are straight and make better use of space? (In reality I don't think that's a good place for "shopping" considering we have empty spaces in shopping centers in high traffic areas like where McAlisters used to be. The small shopping center off Mt. Clinton Pike and 42 seems to see high turnover as well. Let's build up the city center before sprawling. Let's not forget that we are in a housing crisis instead of a shopping crisis.

I am excited that along Lucy Drive there will be more housing in what sounds like an organized, good use of space with playgrounds to promote community and outdoor time! I look forward to hearing more about this project.

Thank you for your time,

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