# 10,000 Homes in Ten Years

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Scarcity or Abundance?

#### 1. Expand Incentives

making housing pencil

problem

### Current incentives are underused



### Create a Muni-wide 15-year tax abatement for multi-family housing

Minimum 8 units

With bonus years—up to 25 total—for downtown, transit corridors, midtown, mixed uses, affordable housing, and prevailing wages

(But no lost revenue because no abatement on the land value)

#### 2. Cut Red Tape

getting out of our own way

## Complex rules block housing



solution expected April 2025

#### Fix "site access"

Convening staff, policy-makers, builders, and neighbors to **simplify code** so that it works in the real world

Generating shared understandings, rather than zero-sum competition

Eliminating rules that don't create public value

solution expected June 2025

### Implement transit-supportive corridors

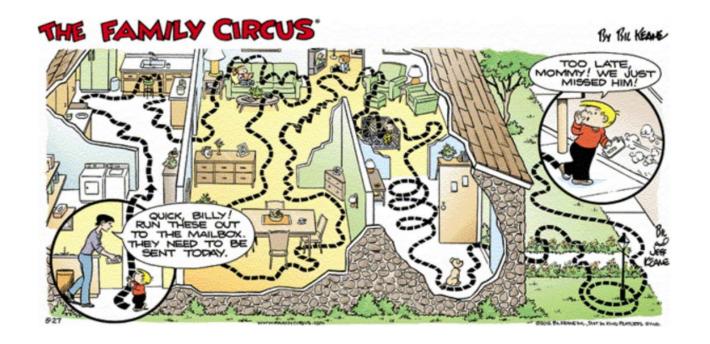
Putting density where our plans call for it.

Considering 1400ft minimum lots, eliminating set-backs, raising height limits. Allow 5-over-1 style development.

### 3. Streamline process

fair and reliable systems

### Too many hoops to jump through



solution

### Require skin-in-the-game for appeals

Shifting standing from "citizen/taxpayer" to "interest/injury"

Requiring appellants to post a **bond** 

Increasing **fees** to be proportional to costs

"Acting" officials not empowered to exercise judgement



solution Completed in 2024

#### Hire new leadership

Mélisa Babb hired as Planning Director in October 2024

Greg Soule promoted from acting to permanent Building Official and Development Services Director in December 2024

#### What can you do?

### Complain... and also Invest, Build, Repair

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