



Durham Town Planning Board
8 Newmarket Road
Durham, NH 03824

March 14, 2024

Dear Members of the Durham Town Planning Board,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed amendment that will apply the “WORKFORCE HOUSING OVERLAY DISTRICT” for the piece of property in consideration.

My support is on behalf of two organizations that I lead:

- 1) Senior Minister of Four Rivers Church
- 2) Director of Four Rivers Project, a non-profit.

Our community excels in solving problems and I believe this amendment aligns with our community's needs for growth and development while addressing the lack of affordable housing, a root cause for many challenges in our community.

Durham is the town where our church and non-profit are incorporated and Durham also serves as our base of operations. Solving real problems drives both organizations and since our founding in 2019, more than a thousand people have come together to work on the challenges in this region such as Foster Care, Homelessness and Refugee Resettlement.

Affordable housing is a win for our entire community and I would be happy to share with you the stories of those whom we've helped. One area in particular are the seven refugee families our church has sponsored over the last two years. We have seen the challenges and would be thrilled to see a solution in our community.

By passing the proposed amendment, Durham has a unique opportunity to address the issue of affordable housing while fostering economic growth and innovation. The creation of more affordable housing options would not only benefit the groups our congregation and non-profit works with but will also contribute to the overall well-being and diversity of our town.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to seeing the positive impact that this amendment will have on Durham and the surrounding area.

Thank you,
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