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For Public Record

Good morning Mayor and Council-

I plan to speak during the public hearing on Thursday, but here are some comments in advance that I hope you can consider and address:

4a/b: MIH Goals. While I understand this is back to the council to address a technical matter with the state, the MIH topic needs more transparency with the community. As mentioned in my email yesterday, and as part of our GP review, can Cade or someone with an analytics background provide the CC and the community with a study on our housing situation as it relates to population growth, MIH and future development?
Why does Ivins MIH plan only focus on new development? Most affordable homes in any city are existing/older. Perhaps someone smarter than me can dissect the data. Washington Co.'s median gross income is $65,040 and the 80% MIH rule would be income of $52,032. Ivins median income is $64,786. Per City-data.com, 32% of current Ivins residents have income below $50,000. I think we are meeting the MIH goal with existing housing.
Why is it assumed MIH is an owned house? People with affordability issues shouldn't be buying at that stage in their life. 19% of Ivins residents are NOT owner-occupied and the median gross rental cost in Ivins (per 2021 Census) is $1295/month. Shared renting seems affordable to me. **So, if Ivins ISNT affordable, how are current residents able to afford to live here?**
There used to be an MIH subcommittee- what is the status of that? What is the city and or county's lobby efforts to gain more local control vs a one-size-fits-all mandate?

4c/d: With strong survey results, the top two issues residents said the city should immediately focus on are **open space and trails (81.1% very or completely important)** and regulating outdoor lighting and maintaining a dark sky (74.3%). The Community also favored keeping farm and agriculture land. The RA-5 zone change request is not in line with the strong input and priorities of the community. We need the moratorium on zone changes now while we review the GP and refine the land use. Please maintain the RA-5 zone.

Thank you,
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