



## Housing

### *Promote quality housing choices that keep our kids and seniors safe in their neighborhoods*

Our population is estimated to double in the next 30 years. We live in a multigenerational community. Seventy-four percent of that growth comes from our own families, not migration. It is important that we create safe, affordable housing so our children and parents can remain in our neighborhoods. Forty-two percent of our households have school-aged children and 25% of those households are headed by a single parent. We need options to accommodate these families along with our seniors who need environments that support potential physical limitations and encourage social well-being.

### *Preserve the character of neighborhoods while providing everyone a sense of home*

As a planning commissioner in Taylorsville, I know strategically designed and placed housing units allow for lifestyle choice and encourage individuals and families to have a sense of home in our community.

We don't need to change what we inherently love about our community, but we do have to work to preserve it. Aging infrastructure is faced with challenges that force blight unless we implement the strategies and make the investments to thrive. I have spent the past five years studying these opportunities and know how the State Legislature can support our municipalities.

### **Understand that housing affordability affects most people in our community**

With all housing costs (monthly rent/mortgage payment, taxes and basic utilities) on the rise, our renters and homeowners alike are paying a larger percentage of their incomes to housing. Housing costs are considered "affordable" if they do not exceed 30% of the household's gross budget. So, if you make \$45,000 per year, like many of our teachers and police officers, you can afford \$1,125 in total housing expenses per month. The average rent alone in our area is \$1,162 (prior to utilities, etc). Even more challenging, 38% of the city's households live on less than \$36,900 per year and can only afford \$922 per month in total housing costs. For every dollar required to go to housing expenses, a family has less for food, transportation and healthcare.



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