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Dear Council,

My name is Ana Barnes. I reside in Apex, am a Wake County resident, and a tiny home advocate. I am currently operating a fundraiser called "Tiny Homes For Tiny People". This fundraiser was created to assist with my personal housing crisis as well as to create a vital change in our community by raising awareness. From the platform of this fundraiser, I am developing a non-profit to help other single moms secure their own tiny homes. Just recently, (Dec. 7th, 2021) I spoke at the public hearing before the Raleigh City Council in favor of their expansion on tiny homes. It is my ultimate goal to keep pushing for expansions on tiny home laws in the Triangle area to combat the housing crisis!

We are all aware that need for more affordable housing options in the Triangle area is a dire one. I have been scouting Apex and surrounding areas to gain support and awareness. To my delight, the number of residents that agree tiny homes should be given more flexible options to allow easier accessibility is astounding! My question to you, respectfully, is why hasn't the Town of Apex been quicker to follow up on such considerations when such a great need is at hand?

Although my focus has been on single mothers, it isn't just the single parents that are suffering from the median price point of \$405,000 for a home in the Triangle. To address this issue, the community is WILLING and EAGER to help create alternative housing options to tackle the ongoing housing crisis that we can't seem to find some relief from. The community is unable to progressively move forward with developments like "Tiny Homes For Tiny People" due to the cap we have placed before us with limitations on tiny homes, and more specifically tiny homes on wheels.

Raleigh UNANIMOUSLY voted on making more wiggle room for tiny homes. It's time Apex cancel out that grey area on tiny homes and consider options that will open up a means for our community to thrive at a stronger force. Flexible options for Tiny homes will most certainly create a path to more sustainable living. On behalf of single parents facing hardships, small families struggling to keep up, starving college students with student debt, hard-working residents that barely afford their mortgages, senior citizens on a limited income, traveling nurses and caregivers, please consider creating more flexible options for tiny homes outside of accessory dwelling unit status. Tiny homes as an independent dwelling, no more than 600 square feet, on wheels as an acceptable foundation are just the few immediate changes we ask. Thank you!

Best regards,