

Subject: Amazon, housing, and the missing middle
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Dear County Board members,

Our neighborhood, perhaps more than any other, will see many impacts from HQ2. Some of these will be desirable but others will not be. We all know a housing crunch will be one.

For the time being, Aurora Highlands still has quite a few modest single-family homes and duplexes, many of which are rentals.

With the already-apparent rise in home values as a result of the Amazon announcement, what tools will the County pursue to discourage these houses from being sold and/or torn down and replaced with huge luxury homes? We have already seen the environmental consequences of this trend, but it is also a serious problem for the retention of more-affordable single-family housing.

ADU's may help single renters and maybe couples, but they are not going to be occupied by families. We welcome your creative solutions.

Sincerely,

Natasha