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JWR Design is in full support of the zoning text amendment, given its positive contributions to the City of Lynden's ability to accommodate densification, provide more affordable housing opportunities, and support families ability to both grow and age in the same location.

First, Additional Dwelling Units (ADU's) are a great way to use residential design strategies to accomplish greater densification within smaller cities given the flexibility they provide in residentially zoned areas.

Second, by allowing for ADU's, the extremely high housing costs can be softened. The primary way we have seen this occur is through a property owners' ability to provide people from the community a place to live/rent for a reduced price given the landowners ability to utilize the property where they currently reside. This also allows the property owner another means of income utilizing their personal property.

Third, as families continue to grow and age, ADU's provide a great opportunity to promote what has always been a strong attribute of the City of Lynden which is a strong and close community centered around strong families that care for each other across generations. ADU's provide families with a great opportunity to care for one another as needs continue to arise.

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