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**To:** Assembly; Liz Cabrera  
**Subject:** Accessory Dwelling Units

Dear Assembly Members,

I have noticed an increasing concern in the community with the lack of local housing. Housing was addressed at the last Assembly meeting by member Tremblay and others. There appear to be a lack of solutions at this point. The new apartments on E Street will help but barely ease present conditions.

I would like to bring up the solution offered by allowing Accessory Dwelling units. These are a change in zoning restrictions to allow a second housing unit on a single family lot subject to certain restrictions for lot coverage, allowable square footage as a percentage of the main structure square footage, setbacks, etc. Many communities are allowing ADUs as a partial solution to the high cost of lots and new development infrastructure. Some communities have even designed and made plans available for model ADUs and minihomes that meet local codes to facilitate building permitting and inspection.

Another advantage is that ADUs allow private individuals to build additional housing for family members or rental with no cost to the rest of the community.

I believe language describing and allowing ADUs has been included in the Comprehensive Plan update that was basically shelved a couple of years ago due to objections; but I don't think there were any objections to ADUs. The advantage here is that the subject has already been considered by Planning and Zoning and interested members of the community.

My hope is that the Assembly will pull the ADU section out of the Comprehensive Plan and consider it as a separate document.

Respectfully, Ronn Buschmann

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