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To: [Town of Golden - Clerk](#)
Subject: rezoning on deer ridge rd
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Hello Golden Town Council,

I'm writing in regards to the application for rezoning of the empty lot on Deer Ridge Road from R1 to R1S. My partner and I recently built a house across the street and went through the same process, eventually succeeding in rezoning our lot. As you can imagine, I am fully in support of this rezoning. I think every property in Golden should be R1S. With the housing situation the way it is in this town, this province, and this country, I cannot think of a single good reason why any house should be prevented from being a multi-family dwelling, especially new construction. We would certainly not be able to afford to own our own home in Golden without the supplemental income of long term renters in our suite, and that was before they hiked the interest rates. And, given the fact that every time I post our suite for rent, I get messages from 30+ people desperate for a place to live, I know that the lack of availability of affordable housing is a serious problem.

I have multiple friends whos long term rental situation has been lost when the owners decided to sell their homes during this market boom, and we need to make up for those losses of long term housing in new construction. As our town continues to grow and develop, we need to make sure that we keep options available for long term residents who keep the ski mountain running, serve the coffee, bag the groceries, plant the trees, teach the children, and mill the lumber to build the new homes, whether they be homeowners or renters.

Not only is this an issue for housing availability, but multi-family housing has been shown to be the most climate friendly type of housing. Multi-famiy units use less materials per family, and shared walls lower heating usage, saving people money and reducing emissions.

I don't think any resident of Golden could have failed to notice that a lot of the new houses being built in this town are large, expensive, and sometimes sit on 2 or 3 lots reserved all for 1 family. Any resident or developer in Golden who wants to contribute to making this town more environmentally and economically sustainable should absolutely be allowed, better yet, encouraged to do so.

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-Kelsey Bohanon