

**Robinson, Patricia**

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**From:** Robert Russie <rob.russie@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 29, 2021 9:10 AM  
**To:** Robinson, Patricia  
**Subject:** Accessory Dwelling Units Hearing

Hello,

I would like to express my support for the amendment to allow ADUs, but will be unable to attend the hearing. I am a homeowner in Westwood Acres, which has many very small houses on relatively large lots.

I am about to lose good neighbors who have to move in part because they need to host a family member with medical issues. The ability to add an ADU would have given them the space they needed to stay in the neighborhood.

The pandemic has shifted many people to work from home situations. For many, an ADU could be the only way to successfully make that work. Personally, my home office started in a cold basement, dangerously running a network cable across the kitchen floor to get downstairs. Next, I was sitting in a chair in the living room, craning my neck to see. Now, I work at a desk in the bedroom. As you might imagine, this has negative implications for life work balance. A loft over the garage would be much preferable.

One risk I see to allowing ADUs in my specific neighborhood is lack of retail and grocery infrastructure to support a density increase. At this time, there is no safe way to walk from my neighborhood to the nearby Cub Foods. I am hopeful the Northtown Mall plans will facilitate pedestrian traffic across County 10.

Sincerely,

Rob Russie