



We are in support of the adoption of the Charlotte Future 2040 Comprehensive Plan and are excited by the opportunity it represents to guide our city's equitable growth and development.

Over the past 50 years, Charlotte has grown from 288,000 to more than 857,425 residents. We continue to attract new residents with 100 people moving here every day, even in the midst of a pandemic. Such impressive growth requires an equally impressive plan.

The Charlotte Future 2040 Comprehensive Plan creates equity by design. It begins with a recognition of the history of redlining and urban renewal that exacerbated racial disparities, advantaging whites at the expense of communities of color. The plan acknowledges and addresses the enduring legacy of segregation in our city and creates a roadmap to ensure that all residents of Charlotte – our current neighbors and those who have not yet arrived – have equitable access to the benefits of our city's growth.

Charlotte has not had a comprehensive plan to guide our growth and development since 1975. This plan is a living document that included significant community engagement including 500,000+ interactions from more than 6,500 individuals across more than 40 different methods. Continued engagement from all residents is critical as we work together to update the [Unified Development Ordinance \(UDO\)](#) that will update and align the regulations guiding development with the vision of the Charlotte Future 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

We call upon Charlotte City Council to pass the Charlotte Future 2040 Comprehensive Plan by June 2021 in one of the City Council's June meetings. The vision outlined in the Plan is ambitious and achievable if we all come together, and we – the signed below – are committed to being strategic and supportive partners. Public adoption of the Plan is essential for creating innovative, sustainable growth that brings neighbors together, advances equity for everyone, and elevates Charlotte as a leader for long-term success.

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