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Chairman Leak and members of the City-County Planning Board,

The Winston-Salem Affordable Housing Coalition would like to express its endorsement of UDO-CC15, a text amendment proposed by Planning and Development Services staff to revise regulations for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).

The Affordable Housing Coalition identified revising the ADU ordinance to make it more usable as a key recommendation for improving housing affordability within Winston-Salem. This recommendation was echoed by the *Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Housing Study and Needs Assessment* completed for the City in 2018.

The Coalition believes the proposed ordinance amendment will facilitate greater ADU usage by reducing time and costs associated with the review and permitting of ADUs, and revising development standards to better match those of peer cities who have balanced the need for ADUs with preservation of neighborhood character.

The Coalition believes the proposed standards retain the necessary safeguards to ensure that ADUs do not negatively impact existing single-family neighborhoods, while providing another housing option for City residents.

Thank you for your consideration of UDO-CC15 and your service to our community.

Best regards,  
Derwin Montgomery, Chair  
Winston-Salem Affordable Housing Coalition



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