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*I support the current proposal made by the ADU Study Committee to remove the restriction on renting ADUs solely to family members. I hope the Planning Board will advance the Committee's proposal to a Town Meeting vote with this recommendation intact. Hingham needs more housing options and this is one small step in the right direction. There is no valid reason to restrict the use of these units to family members only, particularly given the owner occupancy requirement. Furthermore, the town's demographics will not change if we keep putting in clauses like this. Based on current town demographics, a familial restrictions would barre most diverse individuals from seeking more affordable housing options in Hingham. It also places undue burdens on multiracial/BIPOC families as they are more likely to be racially profiled as a result of the familial stipulation. The board does not need to define families so narrowly as to stipulate blood connections. This is archaic, and will serve to increase police altercations with BIPOC individuals needlessly. You already mentioned it is not even enforceable. We all benefit from broadening available options. Thank you for your time and consideration.*

Reena