

## Tinti, Elisa

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**From:** KAREN MILLER <kamiller49@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 16, 2024 10:22 AM  
**To:** Tinti, Elisa  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Public Hearing on Affordable Rent

I support lowering the AMI limit to 50%, for affordable housing.  
The current cost of rents, in Kingston, is one of the causes of the unhoused, and is unsustainable.  
Karen Miller  
53 Crown St, Kingston, NY

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**From:** Arinel Paddock <paddock.ar@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 18, 2024 8:00 AM  
**To:** Tinti, Elisa  
**Cc:** Tinti, Elisa  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Written Comment for 12/18 Public Hearing on Affordable Housing

Good morning,

My name is Ari, and I'm a local resident. I'm writing today to express my feelings regarding the affordable housing proposal slated for discussion at the public hearing this evening. I believe the city's current definition of affordable housing---30% of 80% of Area Median Income---is unattainably expensive for the majority of Kingston residents seeking affordable housing. While this definition may have been more accurate in past years, the recent influx of Kingston residents with high-paying remote-work jobs based outside of the area has artificially inflated the AMI in relation to the jobs and salaries actually available locally. Many Kingston residents who have housing vouchers are still unable to find a place to live because even affordable housing units are too expensive. This kind of inaccessibility pushes longtime residents out of the area, hurting both the local economy and local culture. I believe Albany's affordable housing policy---in which affordable rent is calculated in relation to 50% of AMI---could serve as a good example for Kingston's.

I appreciate your invitation of written comments, and I hope my perspective can helpfully contribute to the discussion on this proposal. Thank you for your time.

Best,  
Arinel Paddock

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**From:** Margot Lourdel <margot.lourdel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 18, 2024 9:34 AM  
**To:** Tinti, Elisa  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Support for lowering the AMI

Hi,

I am a resident of Kingston and I am writing to support Alders Hirsch and Tirney's efforts to lower the Area Median Income for Kingston. This resolution recognizes that the makeup of the population of Kingston has changed dramatically in the last few years, and has led to an inadequate and unrepresentative definition of "affordable housing". Lowering the MAI takes these changes into account and will ensure that low-income residents will be able to continue to reside in Kingston and that those who have been pushed out by rents being too high are able to come back.

Thank you.

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