

JENNY THOMAS & WOOD POWELL

413B Ridge St NW, Washington, DC 20001
801.674.9664 or jennytindc@gmail.com

Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street NW #200
Washington, DC 20001

To whom it may concern,

This letter is in support of case number #19053. We support the development of the new Ridge St. townhouses at 446-452 Ridge St. and support the developer's request for parking relief.

We understand that the property seeking development doesn't have an option to provide parking behind the townhouses because of lack of alley access. It seems reasonable to us that the residents of this new development have the right to use the street parking like the other Ridge St. residents do.

As you may know, as residents in the city, some of us don't own cars. The mix of car ownership of the residents on Ridge St. means that there is sufficient street parking for Ridge St. residents. There is no reason to restrict any residents in particular.

That said, the only time Ridge St. residents experience difficulty parking are when non-residents park in our neighborhood (to attend one of the many area churches, or to go to the convention center, for instance.) If parking supply is a concern, we suggest that the city consider a Resident Only Street Parking program for our neighborhood.

As residents of this street since 2009, we have been pleased with the development of our neighborhood. We are excited to see the potential of another Reatig Architecture project coming to Ridge St. to fill the land that has been vacant since at least 2011, as we know the quality of the housing stock Reatig Architecture brings to central DC.

Sincerely,

Jenny Thomas and Wood Powell