

Letter in Support
Case #19053
Ridge Street Lofts, LLC

July 27, 2015

To Whom It May Concern at the DC Office of Zoning:

I am a homeowner at 1427 5th Street NW writing to express my support for the pending development at 446-452 Ridge Street NW.

I am looking forward to the empty lots on that stretch being developed as new matter-of right residences coming to Ridge street to fill in long vacant land. Certain neighbor demands that these lots be singled out as not having the same parking rights as existing residents is unfair and unreasonable. I live near the 400 block of Ridge Street NW and observed there more than sufficient parking on the block or nearby (particularly the 1200 block of 5th Street NW) to accommodate 4 additional units at 446-452 Ridge Street NW.

I do not think the expectation parking in front of one's respective home (as expressed at a recent ANC meeting on the matter) is realistic or an entitlement on any city block. Furthermore, there is nothing from stopping Ridge Street residents from applying for Resident-Only parking status—another inconsistency in the expressed concerns.

The tradeoff of allowing those properties to go undeveloped because of this unreasonable obstacle runs counter to short and long run best interest for the community. Continued development is a good thing for Shaw. The fact that this development is being put together by a neighbor and business women with a long, successful track record and community mindset makes this an even better proposition.

Thanks for your consideration

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