

Good afternoon,

I live at 1416 Perry Pl NW, across the way from the four story building that will be on 14th and Quincy. I have been encouraged by my neighbors and find personal motivation to write to you today regarding the request to be excepted from providing parking on behalf of the developer, ERB Properties, LLC. I have not seen the zoning and the building plans myself, so please allow me to qualify first that I am basing the following request on information provided to me by my neighbors.

If true, this would have the potential to strain already decreasing availability for street parking in the area. For residents in the area who have no option for parking due to living in long-established residences, an exception to this zoning requirement could prove to create difficulties. We have seen this neighborhood make advances toward being a safe and family-friendly place to live. However, this should not come at any cost. Allowing developers exceptions to zoning requirements that will actively make it more difficult for current residents to access resources like parking outweighs the social benefit of increased modern residences available for rent.

To pull from a personal anecdote, I have parked illegally but close to my home late at night and received tickets for my right to walk home safely. Of course it's my decision to do so, but it's a consequence of limited parking availability in an up-and-coming neighborhood. I would request that you bear situations like these in mind when considering whether to waive the zoning requirement for ERB Properties, LLC. In addition to not further limiting parking on our streets, it provides a safe place for residents of the new building to park and access their homes in relative safety.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my request, and I trust that Columbia Heights is a place where the voice of the residents can be weighed with as equal sincerity as the voice of a developer.

Kind regards,

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