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**Subject:** Parking Waiver for Macklin Development

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Mr. Frederck Hill  
Chairman, Board of Zoning Adjustment  
via [bzasubmissions@dc.gov](mailto:bzasubmissions@dc.gov)

Subject: BZA Case: #20266 3400 Connecticut Partners LLC

Dear Chairman Hill:

As residents of Cleveland Park who *do* respect the growing need for development as well as the value of livable cities and urban communities, we write to:

a) declare our strong opposition to the *additional* parking waiver (BZA 20266) that has been requested by the developers of the Macklin Project, and

b) to implore you and your colleagues on the Zoning Commission to vote NO on the Macklin's request at your upcoming meeting. As members of the Commission, you are surely aware of the ongoing -- and growing -- parking pressures on ALL the neighborhood streets within the vicinity of the Macklin project: Macomb, Newark, Ordway, and Porter. The traffic and the search for parking is a continuing problem and will only increase when COVID-fearful residents -- and future Macklin tenants -- opt for more *personal* transportation, i.e. cars, and less *public* transportation like the Metro.

When our streets offer long-term parking security instead of short-term parking opportunities for Washingtonians eager to eat in our restaurants or shop in our neighborhood stores, who can blame a local business for closing its doors?

Lastly, there's the public, in particular visitors to our National Zoo who cannot afford the astronomical parking rates at the complex, itself. In fact, it's deeply troubling to think that streets like Macomb (just because the Macklin developers might win this waiver) will become long-term parking lots for Macklin tenants, not short-term parking options for families in search of affordable parking.

What makes the request especially galling is the previous public commitment by the developers to include sufficient parking in the Macklin project plan. To ignore this commitment is unfair and derelict.

Assuming you and the members of your Commission will do the right thing, we thank you for holding the developers to their commitment, and we thank you for representing the residents of Cleveland Park not to mention the treasured visitors from across the city and the country.

Sincerely,  
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Board of Zoning Adjustment  
District of Columbia  
CASE NO.20266  
EXHIBIT NO.92

