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From: Finley, Beau (SMD 3C04)
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 10:14 PM
To: DCOZ - BZA Submissions (DCOZ)
Subject: Case 20266, 3400 Connecticut Ave NW, Comments in Support

Dear Members of the Board:

I am writing to you as an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner in ANC 3C, representing the single member district (SMD) across Connecticut Avenue from the applicant's site. The applicant's site is in the unrepresented SMD 3C05 as the Commissioner there resigned in March 2020.

ANC 3C conditioned its support on disallowing existing and current tenants of the site from obtaining residential parking permits (RPP). ANC 3C failed to consider a possible effect of the removal of RPP privileges from future Macklin residents that is particularly pernicious, especially given the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act last week. DDOT's [rules on disability parking](#) are predicated on vehicle owners with disabilities having RPP. A Ward 4 resident with disability tags can park in Ward 3 RPP for twice the amount of time listed for that particular space. A Maryland resident with disability tags can park in Ward 3 RPP for twice the amount of time listed for that particular space. A Ward 3 resident with RPP does not need to be concerned with these time limits. However, DDOT's rules do not contemplate a Ward 3 resident denied RPP but with a disability tag. This resident would receive only the same entitlement as a Ward 4 or Maryland resident with disability tags, and would thus have to move their vehicle every four hours. For a resident of the Macklin with a vehicle and disability tags, this inability to obtain RPP on their own street is not just clearly discriminatory but also cruel.

Here's a table that more clearly illustrates the problem on Newark Street:

Residence	allowed parking duration with disability tags on Newark Street
Ward 3	no limit
Other Wards	4 hours
Outside D.C.	4 hours
The Macklin in Ward 3	4 hours

DDOT does not currently have a method to process or administer banning one building's residents from receiving RPP, let alone an exception due to disability. Therefore, I urge BZA not to implement a discriminatory policy and to grant the application without removing current and future residents' ability to obtain RPP.

I support the applicant's petition and urge you to grant it without conditions. As noted in [the letter of support](#) from ANC 3C Commissioners Dubois, Fink, and myself, these conditions, should they be adopted by BZA, will run with the land and create difficult and unadministerable conflicts in the future, along with enforcement issues for BZA.

Sincerely,
Beau Finley

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO.20266
EXHIBIT NO.120

ANC 3C04

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