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I am writing in support of the request for a waiver of parking requirements for the development on the Macklin building site. I am in support of a waiver.

The reasons for this are:

1. We as a society are moving towards a car-less future. The New York Times on Sunday had a terrific graphic envisioning a car-less future, with lots of data on cities' move in that direction.

See, <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/09/opinion/sunday/ban-cars-manhattan-cities.html> Perhaps one of the only good things to emerge from the coronavirus quarantine is the effect it has had on the environment. This CNBC link has some shocking pictures of the impact our global quarantine has had on the environment: <https://www.cnbc.com/2020/04/23/coronavirus-photos-show-effect-of-air-pollution-drops-from-global-lockdown.html>. I believe we have a moral duty to support fewer cars for the future of our planet. Robert Moses did a spectacular job of causing the NYC area to become car-dependent; we have an opportunity here to roll back the car culture we have in the DC area.

2. This is a very walkable neighborhood, which is one of the things I value about living here. 3400 Connecticut Avenue, like my building, has a walkability score of 89. The market for these units will be people who prefer to live in an old-fashioned neighborhood in which one can walk to get groceries, go to restaurants, and all the other services Cleveland Park offers.

3. Parking is a deal-breaker for this project. I believe this project will greatly improve the neighborhood, particularly that corner which has been dead for the 4 years I have lived here. Our local businesses have closed because of lack of foot traffic. Increasing density in areas like 3400 Connecticut Avenue is the right thing to do and we will all experience the benefits of more people in our community.

Thank you, and please contact me if you have any questions or wish me to clarify anything.

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