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Testimony in support of Mandatory Inclusionary Zoning.

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Good Evening Commissioners My Name is Sharon Sneed I am a resident of the District of Columbia. I'm a tenant of the Cavalier Apartment that is located at 3500 14th Street N.W. in Ward One. My Apartment is a section 8 building and houses 230 units. I'm a supporter of Mandatory Inclusionary Zoning. There is an affordable housing crisis in D.C. especially for low income and moderate – income people. Which can be eased with the adoption of a Mandatory Inclusionary Zoning policy. It will be good for D.C. and my neighborhood to make this happen. For the past 3 years I have been troubled. Wondering what will happen to me and others like me if we lose our affordable housing. I am on a fixed income. My only means of income is SSI. I support the Housing Authority purchasing Inclusionary Units. So that people in my income will have an opportunity to benefit as well. My neighborhood is a diverse one. Every one in my neighborhood has managed to live beside one another and we have come to the conclusion that every one deserves a decent place to live. All around me I am seeing condos being built just to accommodate the wealthy. While the low and moderate income tenants are being pushed out. What I am seeing is condo overkill. We must not forget that we are a country that should not have a single soul homeless. But yet we close our minds and hearts. If I am put out on the streets because our policy makers wishes to ignore me and others like me, than our city is going to slip into the future backwards. Please for all our sakes, open your

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hearts and make sure that owners and developers expand housing opportunities for everyone We are a strong nation Lets not show the rest of the world that we do not care about our own. Lets set the example Please support Mandatory Inclusinary Zoning. So that everyone can have a piece of the American pie. I would like to thank the Zoning Commissioners for the opportunity to testify.

Thank you
Sharon Sneed