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District of Columbia Zoning Commission Inclusionary Zoning Hearing

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Good evening. My name is Adrian Fenty, District of Columbia Councilmember representing Ward 4. I appreciate the opportunity to testify at this District of Columbia Zoning Commission public hearing on mandatory inclusionary zoning. I am pleased to be here to voice my unwavering support for mandatory inclusionary zoning in the District of Columbia.

As the robust housing market in the District of Columbia continues to forge ahead, we must understand that increased housing costs are pricing low- and moderate-income residents out of their homes, and out of the city. Throughout the country (and including neighboring Montgomery County), jurisdictions have been utilizing the concept of inclusionary zoning as an important tool to help them meet their affordable housing needs and build sustainable, mixed-income communities. It is time for the District of Columbia government to work to ensure that the District is a city that will not turn its back on our low- and moderate-income neighbors.

In order for our city to truly flourish, we must facilitate the development and foster the existence of our diverse neighborhoods. We must ensure that the District of Columbia remains a viable place for all.

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all income levels to live, work, and play. As the co-chairman of the D.C. Council's task force on affordable housing during the last Council Period, and as the lead proponent of reserving a significant portion of the Housing Production Trust Fund for low- and very low-income residents, I believe that we must support the adoption of a mandatory inclusionary zoning policy that requires new and rehabilitated residential developments to include housing units affordable to low- and moderate-income residents.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this important and far-reaching issue, and I look forward to continuing to work to ensure that our low-and moderate-income residents of the District can continue to afford to call Washington, D.C. home.