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Ms Carol Mitten, Chair
Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210
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Re: Case No 04-33, Inclusionary Zoning

Dear Ms Mitten:

Green Door strongly supports the Inclusionary Zoning CMIZ proposal as submitted. This proposal is very important to the District because of how it defines income targeting, percent set-asides, length of affordability, application to rehabbed buildings, and limited exceptions. The approval of this proposal will have a profound effect in which many units of affordable housing will be created. We cannot delay in taking this step especially while the housing crisis escalates.

Green Door is a community program that prepares people with mental illnesses to live and work independently. We provide supported housing, job placement and training, mental health services, community support, educational services, and socialization. Since 1976, over 3,000 District residents have been assisted. Almost all of our clients state that their most immediate need is for affordable housing. With affordable housing, our clients can work on their other goals so that they become or remain productive residents.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gail Chow
Housing Director

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