

Testimony in Support of the Campaign for Inclusionary Zoning's Proposal, case number:

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The Mobilization for Global Justice supports the proposal by the Campaign for Mandatory Inclusionary Zoning.

This proposal is important for the District of Columbia and our members' neighborhoods because we have seen too many communities broken up and families displaced due to the affordable housing crisis. Moderate and low-income people are being pushed out, but a mandatory inclusionary zoning policy would ease that pressure. The markets shift in a matter of months, but their effects last for generations. It makes no sense to shatter our communities and then wait for our neighborhoods to recover. By creating and maintaining mixed-income communities, mandatory inclusionary zoning ensures that housing development serves all the residents of the District.

The Mobilization for Global Justice opposes corporate practices that place short-term profits ahead of human dignity and sustainable development. We support mandatory inclusionary zoning, which promotes the long-term maintenance of affordable housing through affordability control periods and equity sharing.

The Mobilization for Global Justice believes that a better world is possible and necessary. On-site construction of affordable housing creates vibrant mixed-income neighborhoods, and such communities are the building blocks of that better world. We know from numerous success stories around the country that mandatory inclusionary zoning does indeed create these communities.

We thank you for your time in considering our statement.

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