

Hello, my name is Howard White and I have lived in Washington since 1959 except for a few years away with the US Army.

In 1968, during the campaign for the first elected DC school board, my wife and I campaigned door to door for a candidate for the Ward 3 seat. Our precinct was the area west of Connecticut Avenue near California Street. It was a fascinating neighborhood. High priced cooperative apartment buildings right next to low rent apartments. From Phillip Stern, a Sears heir, to new immigrants who could not speak or understand English. The moderately priced apartment we rented is now an expensive condo. The neighborhood was a wonder of diversity.

It was one of the things about the District that made us determined to remain DC residents. Shortly after that, we bought a house in Shepherd Park. Another diverse neighborhood. At that time, thanks to Neighbors Inc., it was one of the few truly racially integrated areas in America. Again, DC provided a wonder of diversity.

Today, economics is working against continuing this wonderful aspect of DC. Local housing is often out of the reach of many people who would like to live in the city and who I would love to have as neighbors. This Commission, through its support of inclusionary zoning, has taken a major step toward fostering diversity. Now I hope you will take the next step and accept the D.C. Office of Planning's map which will apply inclusionary zoning equitably all over DC.

We need more mixed-income neighborhoods in Washington. Inclusionary zoning can support that goal. Every area of DC will gain from inclusionary zoning, and every area should be covered.

I believe that as upper Georgia Avenue develops, inclusionary zoning will bring new housing opportunities to my area for a wide range of people. It will keep our neighborhood a diverse and interesting community.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input in your decision making.

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