

STATEMENT by AMY SCHUSSHEIM IN SUPPORT OF MANDATORY
> INCLUSIONARY ZONING

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> My name is Amy Schussheim. I am a social worker for
> the federal government
> and reside in the District. I have lived 26 of my 51
> years in the District of
> Columbia. I moved back to Washington in 1989 to
> raise my daughter who just
> graduated last year from Woodrow Wilson High School.
> My daughter attended DC public
> schools from Kindergarten thru 12th grade. At my
> daughter's elementary
> school, there were approximately 66 different
> nations represented by the student
> body. At Wilson, there are even more nationalities
> represented. The diverse
> student body of native born Washingtonians and
> students from other countries
> enhanced her education.

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> I believe affordable housing is an integral part of
> making Washington a great
> city to live and grow up in. As a social worker, I
> work with many other
> public employees who want to raise their families
> and work in the District. My
> parents moved from Cleveland Park to Dupont Circle
> in 1975. I have watched with
> dismay the shrinkage of affordable housing. I have
> rented an apartment in the
> UDC- Van Ness area since 1992 and this year my
> daughter was able to attend
> college taking advantage of the DC Tag program. We
> need to preserve affordable
> housing in the District of Columbia to maintain the
> diversity, the breadth of
> experience, the commitment to many not just a few
> and to allow those of us who
> work in the District to raise our families here. The
> DC Office of Planning's map
> proposal shows that the distribution of affordable
> housing provides an
> economic range of opportunities throughout the City.
> Mixed-income communities in
> Washington, DC will ensure a healthy balance of
> residents that will benefit from
> each other. I also support inclusionary zoning in
> historic districts. My
> father's house has an historic symbol by his front
> door. We support inclusionary
> housing in both historic and nonhistoric districts.

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