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Supplemental Testimony on ZC 04-33G (zcsubmissions@dc.gov)

Inclusionary Zoning Amendments, Subtitle C, General Rules, Chapter 10

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On April 14, 2016 the Reverend Dr. Sid Fowler, Senior Minister of First Congregational United Church of Christ¹, testified in favor of proposals to make Inclusionary Zoning (IZ) more inclusive, with particular emphasis on our immediate downtown neighborhood. He posed two fundamental questions: *"Who is our neighbor?"* and *"How do we care for our neighbors?"*

As the Zoning Commission further considers the Petitioner's request to expand IZ requirements to the Downtown Development District (DD), once again we strongly urge you to act favorably on this common-sense provision. The Zoning Commission has tripled the boundaries of downtown, permitted maximum density, created significant new private and public land value, and exempted developers from parking requirements. These substantial benefits should be sufficient grounds for requiring developers to provide affordable housing downtown as they are required to do elsewhere in the city, even if there is not an additional bonus density incentive to confer.

By requiring IZ in the areas now added to the downtown, the Zoning Commission can define "neighbor" in a way that reflects the highest aspirations of our city as a place guided by equity and justice.

¹ Reverend Dr. Fowler is on vacation through July 12.

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In the midst of prosperity and possibility, how do we serve those vulnerable to displacement and share with all the blessings of this time? We believe that a more inclusive zoning policy is a critical step in building a better DC.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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