

**Leach, Deonte (DCOZ)**

---

**From:** Thomas Abbot <thomasabbot88@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2016 10:34 AM  
**To:** DCOZ - ZC Submissions (DCOZ)  
**Subject:** RE: Support Zoning Commission Case No. 04-33G: Make IZ truly affordable

Dear Chairman Hood,

As a concerned DC resident, I ask that the Zoning Commission not delay in making Inclusionary Zoning truly affordable. Inclusionary zoning is a powerful tool that closely links the economic prosperity of the Washington, DC area with the provision of affordable housing to ensure that long-time residents are not priced out and that DC remains a diverse, inclusive place to live.

However, as I'm sure you know, making affordable housing only available for those making 80% of median income leaves behind a substantial portion of the population, people who may have no other recourse but to pick up and move elsewhere. This displacement disrupts social networks, guts communities, and puts substantial financial strain on those who have few financial resources to begin with. While inclusionary zoning (IZ) is not a panacea, it is an important step in boosting housing affordability in the region, and sends a strong signal that Washington, DC values these issues .

I ask the commission to act now to require that IZ units be affordable at truly affordable levels – if not 50% of median family income, at least now more than 60% of median family income.

Thank you for your consideration.

Thomas Abbot  
56 U Street NW  
Washington, DC 20001

RECEIVED  
D.C. OFFICE OF ZONING  
2016 FEB 23 AM 11:57

ZONING COMMISSION  
District of Columbia  
ZONING COMMISSION  
District of Columbia  
CASE NO. 04-33G  
EXHIBIT NO. 75