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Mr. Anthony Hood, Chair
DC Zoning Commission
Suite 210
441 4th Street NW
Washington, DC 20001

Re: 08 06-02
ANC 6D Opposition
Comprehensive Zoning Regulations Rewrite - Parking

Dear Chair Hood and Commissioners:

At a regularly scheduled business meeting on July 14th, at which a quorum was present (a quorum being four members), ANC 6D voted 6-1 to oppose the Comprehensive Zoning Regulations Rewrite on parking regulations at this time. We applaud the goal of bringing some consistency to the District's patchwork of parking regulations, both within buildings and on the streets. However, we believe that neither the timing appropriate nor the process wide-ranging enough to allow the promulgation of a scheme that will work for all parts of the city and all the conditions that exist now, much less those that will exist in the years ahead.

Many questions remain with the draft proposal: How well does it meet the requirements of the new Comprehensive Plan? What is its impact on the already too scarce parking available to local residents? How does the plan interface with future mass transit plans? These and other questions are of particular significance to the residents of Southwest/Near Southeast, which, as you know, is in the midst of a period of unprecedented development, and where parking is already at a premium.

Most important, the rezoning of Southwest is just about to begin. The Office of Planning (OP), in fact, is about to undertake a unique analysis and "community visioning:" of Southwest building stock and construction plans in order to create a consistent new zoning scheme for the future. We do not know now, and will not know for many months, what the zoning of our community will look like and what our parking and transportation needs will be. After OP has completed its analysis, we will be better able to assess whether relief from minimum parking requirements will work for our community, and what a viable Residential Parking Permit (RPP) program should look like.

Finally, the notification process for this hearing was flawed. The report by Nelson/Nygaard, consultants to the project, was not formally released until July 25th, giving no-one in the District adequate time to review its complex recommendations. Further, neither the Office of Planning nor its Parking Task Force did any outreach to brief the ANCs on the proposal; and we are now, with inadequate knowledge, being asked to support a plan that will have a significant impact on the District far into the future. ANC 6D cannot do that at this time.

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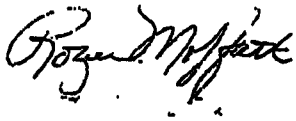
ANC 6D urges the Commission to allow the citizens who will be most affected by this plan to have more time to consider and comment on its far-reaching implications. We oppose the proposed Zoning Proposal for parking at this time, and hope you will give our views great weight as you consider this important matter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Donna -

Here's a letter from the ANC opposing 08 03 05-02 the Comprehensive Zoning Rewrite—Parking, which will be heard tomorrow night. As usual, my thanks for distributing this to the Commission.

Hope you're keeping cool.

Roberta
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