

Subject: Support for Zoning Regulations Review, Case No. 08-06A

Dear Chairman Hood and Commissioners:

I would like to voice my strong and enthusiastic support for modernizing DC's outdated zoning code. The years of review, public outreach, and discussion have run their course, and now it's time to act. I urge you to update to the DC zoning regulations to reduce parking requirements, permit accessory apartments in low density residential neighborhoods, and allow corner stores. While these are modest changes to a dated zoning code that doesn't serve the city's needs, they are meaningful ways to make our city more affordable. Please do not delay in finalizing the proposed text which is long overdue. We need these reforms now to respond to the city's continued growth and rising demand for more affordable housing and better transportation choices.

In particular, I wish to express my support for the parking reforms in Subtitle C, which significantly reduce parking requirements near transit, including bus priority corridors. I also want to state my support the provisions to allow an accessory apartment in residential zones and corner stores, as described in Subtitle U.

These three critical areas of reform to the zoning code will help make DC a more sustainable, walkable, and inclusive city. I urge you to move forward with the long awaited update to the zoning code.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicholas Burger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nicholas" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Burger".

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