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Anthony Hood
Chairman
DC Zoning Commission
1 Judiciary Square
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Re: ZRR Case No. 08-06A

Dear Chairman Hood and Commissioners:

After eight years of public engagement, Show Me a Hero! Do not follow the woeful example of 1980s Yonkers. Update the DC zoning regulations: reduce parking requirements, permit accessory apartments in low-density residential neighborhoods, and allow corner stores. While these are modest changes to our woefully outdated 1958 zoning code, they are meaningful ways to make our city more affordable. I urge you to not delay in finalizing the proposed text which is long overdue. We need these reforms urgently in order 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. Do not cower. Move forward with the long awaited update to the zoning code.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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