

Dear sirs or madams, please don't let the developers off the hook in constructing adequate parking spaces for the tenants of the new apartment or condo buildings. As I see it with the parking issue, there are three parties: the developers who would make more money from building living quarters than parking spaces; the government that loves to suck in more taxes from new residents and from more parking fines from motorists who park illegally because there are not enough legal spaces; and the public who will suffer from the lack of parking. Please put your support behind the public. I know the money for the developers and the government must be enticing but inadequate parking is already hurting the District residents. As a 75 year old retiree who has lived in DC or over 50 years, I am totally dependent on my car for grocery, other store purchases, doctors, friend visits, etc. Soon I will be facing the diminution of parking from hordes of students from the soon-to-be built AU law school in Tenleytown. How am I suppose to get around in my age? Bicycling at night, in the rain and in the winter? How I carry my purchases back? On my head? You all know that the Red Line is totally unreliable. Long waits and sometimes not coming at all. Even if it were reliable, nine times out of ten it would not take me to where I need to go. Nor would the slow and often infrequent buses. Some have pointed to the lack of interest in driving from the so-called "millennials," who are kids often crammed into group houses in the frontier areas of the City. Do you think once they grow up and have families that they will love to walk or bicycle in the rain and carry their groceries on their heads?

Please vote in favor of the public. I know it can be hard with pressures from developers and government officials. But supporting the public is the right thing to do. To do anything else would be an outrage.
Sincerely, Stuart Cameron , 3739 Appleton St., NW