



Coalition for Smarter Growth

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September 24, 2015

Mr. Anthony Hood, Chairman
DC Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW, #220-S
Washington, DC 20001

via email: zcsubmissions@dc.gov

RE: Final comments in support of case no. 08-06A

Dear Chairman Hood and members of the Commission:

Please accept these comments on behalf of the Coalition for Smarter Growth. The Coalition for Smarter Growth is the leading organization in the Washington, DC region dedicated to making the case for smart growth. Our mission is to promote walkable, inclusive, and transit-oriented communities, and the land use and transportation policies and investments needed to make those communities flourish.

We are eager to see the completion of the zoning update, which has been subject to a record amount of public review, input, comment, and years of analysis. I served on the Comprehensive Plan task force that finalized the plan update in 2006. I never imagined we would not be done with updated zoning regulations by now. During the span of these eight years, staff, Zoning Commissioners, ANC commissioners, Council members, and Mayors have come and gone. Tens of thousands of DC residents have moved in, moved out, been born or passed away. We must finish this job and move on to our next tasks of implementation. The next round of 10 year revisions to the Comprehensive Plan is starting. The Comprehensive Plan revisions will have implications for future changes to the zoning code, but the good news is that these changes can be built on a contemporary zoning foundation when we adopt the proposed revisions, not obsolete foundation built in 1958.

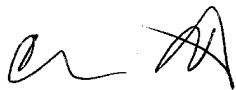
The ZRR modernizes our outdated code in important ways. These include revisions to parking requirements, accessory apartments, alley dwellings and corner stores. All are important advances and will guide the city's growth in a more sustainable, inclusive, and walkable way.

We also want to thank the Zoning Commission for taking up in a separate case, revisions to Inclusionary Zoning. We are eager to provide further input on this case to make the most of this important affordable housing tool for our city.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Cheryl Cort
Policy Director