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To: Office of Zoning

Re: Accessory Dwelling Units

My husband and I think that ADUs as a “matter of right” would be a very detrimental change in zoning. Of course there are exceptions which the BZA might allow, a system that has worked well in zoning controversies: democracy at the grassroots level. The BZAs capacity should be increased to decide on these exceptions, rather than an increase in backyard ADUs under the guise of helping the elderly age in place.

We went to last winter's Ward 3 OP presentation, but did not find that it offered sufficient opportunity for citizen input – a first step only. We hope the Zoning Commission will slow down OP's schedule in order to allow the citizens the opportunity to be heard.

Sincerely,

s/ Susan and Frank Carr