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Re: Zoning Case No. 08-06A

- Subtitle C – Vehicle Parking requirements (parking mins.)
- Subtitle D- Accessory apartments and corner stores

Dear Chairman Hood and the D.C. Zoning Commission:

I am writing today as a resident of the 16th Street Heights neighborhood to voice my full support for Zoning Case No.08-06A and in particular, Subtitles C and D.

I urge the Zoning Commission to revise DC's 1950 zoning regulations and help to take a great city with great neighborhoods and turn it into an even more vibrant, walkable and inclusive place. As the City continues to grow and thrive, we cannot be pinned in by antiquated zoning regulations

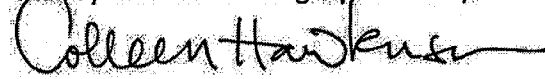
I strongly support better options for creating accessory dwelling units and feel that as the residents of the District of Columbia age, residential options such as accessory dwelling units will allow for more seniors to stay in their neighborhoods as they age.

Allowing parking minimums will result in more affordable housing units as developers will not be required to build this parking and then tie the parking to the cost of the apartment/condo units. Many buyers are looking to buy only a place to live. They are not interested in being forced to purchase expensive parking spaces as well.

Finally, allowances for corner stores will make neighborhoods more accessible for their residents. Corner stores can create a sense of community, provide goods and provisions that people can walk to and create jobs.

I urge you to update and simplify the zoning code and support accessory dwelling units, parking minimums and corner stores. These elements will make the District of Columbia more accessible, vibrant and inclusive.

Thank you for considering my testimony.



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