

Testimony before the Zoning Commission on Case No 08-06A

Good Evening:

My testimony will cover the Comprehensive parking plan as it relates to my single member district.

Proposing By right 50% parking reduction for sites located close to transit would penalize my neighborhood. My single member district is ½ mile from a metro station and ¼ mile from a WMATA bus route. Your big brother theory of reducing parking in these areas would cause a spill over of more persons parking in our precious curb side parking. The community is already enudated with commuters, visitors to local offices and our residents would be severely handicapped by this measure. We chose to live close to downtown, but should not be penalized by your proposed comprehensive parking plan. Your plan speaks of new parking should be underneath buildings, however it appears that developers are not bound by this provision. We are sick of DC being labeled the ticket city of the nation, especially since many of the tickets my constituents receive. Further surveys should be made before assuming that the de-emphasis on auto oriented uses and surface parking would be good for our neighborhoods. No reduction in parking should be considered and an attractive environment at the street level can still be envisioned with minimum interference to traffic flow. More officials efforts to work with ANC Commissioners before these hairbrain schemes are put in a plan would help.