

**Testimony in Support of Case 08-06A, Subtitles C and D, by Megan Kanagy – 1423
Columbia Road NW #3**

Good evening, my name is Megan Kanagy I live in the Columbia Heights neighborhood at 1423 Columbia Road NW. I am here tonight to express my support for the proposed update to the DC zoning code, especially the reforms concerning parking minimums and accessory dwelling units.

My husband and I purchased our home in Columbia Heights two years ago We love our neighborhood because it's a diverse, vibrant community that is incredibly well-served by transit. We are one of the nearly 40% of District households that choose to live car-free and were able to afford to buy our first home thanks to the estimated \$8,000 we save annually by not owning a car In addition, the price of our condo was comparatively lower because it did not come with an unneeded parking space Building parking, particularly if it's underground, is very expensive, and those costs are passed onto the renter or owner. By reducing parking minimums, the zoning update helps to reduce the overall cost of renting or owning a home and makes DC more affordable for all.

Before moving to DC, my husband and I lived in Berkeley, CA, where we rented a granny flat or, as it's referred to in the zoning code, accessory dwelling unit or ADU This unit was located on a quiet residential street lined with detached homes built in the early 1900s ADUs like ours allowed for an increase in density and affordability of the neighborhood without adverse impacts to the character of the street or the historic homes themselves And I'm sure the couple we rented from, who lived above us and had owned their home for forty years, appreciated the extra income

Our current zoning code is outdated and does not support the growth of DC as an inclusive, dynamic city. I fully support the proposed update to the zoning code and encourage the commissioners to do the same

Thank you for your consideration.