

**Testimony in SUPPORT of Case 08-06A
by Darnell Grisby, 1300 N ST NW
DC Zoning Commission**

Greetings, my name is Darnell Grisby, I am resident of 1300 N ST NW I am a condo owner and I am on the board of my condo association In my day job, I am Director of Research for the American Public Transportation Association I am here to express my personal appreciation that this Commission is discussing parking I am here to express my support for Case 08-06A, especially reducing minimum parking requirements in new development

I moved here from Southern California One of the things I love about DC is our vibrant and emerging culture of walking and public transit access It is something that I did not have back home My family still lives in Southern California, and everyday I wonder about whether my mom will be able to stay in her home As her glaucoma grows worse with each passing year, I know eventually she will not be able to drive Her community has plenty of highways and parking, but this infrastructure has crowded out walking and public transportation as viable options

This proposal to reduce parking requirements is a modest one, but it will support less costly [affordable] housing options, and encourage riding public transit and walking as viable mobility options Those of us in zero car or one car households will be able to decide how much parking we would like to pay for We have a good thing going here in DC I think a concrete step that we can take to ensure that we are One City that is prosperous for all is to support these parking reforms to the zoning code Thank you