

Testimony in support of Case 08-06A

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I strongly support the zoning code update proposed by the Office of Planning. In particular, I support efforts to reduce parking requirements, and efforts to allow more housing and more variety of housing types (such as accessory units).

Continuing the District's outdated requirements for off-street parking serve no purpose except to increase the number of cars in the District, and to drive up the cost of living in the city. Considering the extremely high percentage of District residents who do not own personal cars (especially in Wards 1 and 2), it's unconscionable to retain these requirements.

Likewise, continuing to limit the density of new housing and exclude accessory housing units serves no purpose except to make the center of our city inaccessible to the vast majority of people who want to live here. Continuing those policies would be mutually exclusive with the District's stated goals of increased population, economic fairness, and environmental stewardship.

The selfish NIMBYism of opponents to both these changes would be an unsustainable and unacceptable way to run a city.

It's my great hope that DC advances the Office of Planning's proposals as quickly as possible.

Thank you for taking my testimony, and for all the great work you do on behalf of District residents.

Signed: _____

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