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Anthony Hood
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Re: Zoning Case No. 08-06A, Vehicle parking requirements

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

I urge the Zoning Commission to revise DC's 1950s-era zoning regulations for parking, and help to take a great city with great neighborhoods and turn it into an even more vibrant, walkable, and inclusive place. Eliminating and reducing parking minimums will help make this city that I love even more walkable and inclusive.

Our zoning code from 1958 does not befit a modern, dynamic city like DC, nor does it respect the form of our historic neighborhoods and our many transportation choices that include not owning a car. Our current zoning code is based on dated concepts of what a city is, how people will travel, how our city should grow, and contains no emphasis on sustainability. We need to modernize our zoning code to better accommodate the needs of current and future DC residents and respect the nearly 40 percent of households who do not own a car.

Without a flexible zoning code, the city will not be able to meet the demand and issues of the future. This is why I support the proposed zoning update to eliminate and reduce of minimum parking requirements

Thank you for considering my testimony.

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