

TESTIMONY OF ROSALYN P. DOGGETT
ZONING COMMISSION HEARING: CASE NO: 08-06A
SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

Chairman Hood and Commissioners:

My name is Rosalyn Doggett, and I live in a single family home in the Observatory neighborhood of Ward 3 at 2702 36 St , NW. Wisconsin Avenue borders my neighborhood on the west I am the Vice President of the Massachusetts Avenue Heights Citizens Association and, thus, get to talk with many of my neighbors. However, I am testifying for myself and not on behalf of the organization.

I support the language captioned as “In the Alternative” in Subtitles C and D in the Alternative Amendments before you tonight. The city is striving to regain the population lost since the 1950’s, make housing more affordable, assist seniors in staying in their own dwellings, and accommodate metropolitan population growth in a sustainable manner. The In the Alternative language restores language in the zoning text originally set down by the Zoning Commission on September 9, 2013 and therefore better meets city objectives by reducing parking minimums on Priority Bus Corridors and allowing Accessory Apartments in garages by right

My neighbors with whom I have spoken informally have not indicated discomfort with the conversion of garages to accessory units. Indeed, I can think of one such conversion that did occur within our neighborhood alley system-- in a garage with a loft and with no adverse consequences. It accommodated a boomeranger long before the term became fashionable. That person now has a family of his own in in another state.

I live in a convenient neighborhood. We bought our house 40 years ago to accommodate an aging parent who could not drive, who needed buses for transportation and neighborhood retail stores within walking distance. Little did we know that we were at the forefront of what is now called a sustainable, walkable community. I’d like to extend my privileges to others rather than make it more difficult and expensive for others to enjoy my lifestyle.

Therefore, I urge your support of the “In the Alternative” language in Subtitles C and D in the Summary of Alternative Amendments table for Case No. 08-06A.