

Testimony in SUPPORT of Case 08-06A, Subtitle D (Accessory Dwelling Units)
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Making the process for obtaining a permit to build an ADU on one's property easier rather than more difficult is a small way to make the city more inclusive and diverse. Granny flats, carriage houses - whatever one calls them - serve a purpose in urban life, making housing more affordable for both the renter and the homeowner.

I have been in active discussion with people in Ward 3 and in particular in my ANC and have yet to hear one defensible reason why it might be necessary to have this activity be subject to a Special Exception. Just set the physical criteria for the structure and then let people do what they want on their own property.

Please vote in favor of the proposed revisions to the zoning code to facilitate the creation of more ADU's.

Thank you for your time.