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Anthony Hood
Chairman
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One Judiciary Square
441 4th Street NW, Suite 200 South
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Re: Zoning Case No. 08-06A, Subtitle C (Vehicle Parking Requirements)

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

I live in the Ward 1 neighborhood of Mount Pleasant and I support updating the DC zoning code. In particular, reducing parking minimums will recognize and support the District's transformation into a more walkable, bikable, and livable community. In my twenty-three years in DC I have never owned a car. I enjoy walking, biking and using public transportation to get around the city for work, play and running errands. I enjoy hosting visitors from across the country and around the world, and they share my enthusiasm for DC's car-free livability.

The District's 1950s-era zoning code could be updated to better match the dynamic city that Washington is quickly becoming. A zoning code at its best reflects and enables residents' ideal lifestyle: promoting outdoor activity, ensuring pedestrian safety, protecting local resources like historic neighborhoods, clean air and areas of vibrancy or quiet, and accommodating future residents sustainably. Revising the DC zoning code presents an opportunity to do all of this in a simpler way than our current code allows.

Reducing parking requirements helps to create and preserve walkable neighborhoods, and allow the space currently occupied by unused cars to instead be enjoyed by the people who live and visit our city.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Best regards,

Christian Crowley