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Resolution in Support of Updates to the District of Columbia Zoning Code (Case No. 08-06A)

Whereas, our zoning code from 1958 does not befit a modern, dynamic city like D.C.

Whereas, our current zoning code is based on dated concepts of what a city is and how it should grow and contains no emphasis on sustainability.

Whereas, 50 years of accumulated amendments have made the code far too complicated and hard to navigate.

Whereas, the update proposal offers better options for homeowners to create an accessory dwelling unit without a long and burdensome process so that more residents will be able to rent out a basement or garage to help pay the mortgage, give a young person the opportunity to live in the neighborhood, and let seniors age in place in their own homes.

Whereas, the update proposal recognizes that parking minimums can require more parking than people need and damage the historic and walkable form of many neighborhoods.

Whereas, the update proposal makes reasonable allowances for local corner stores in underserved rowhouse residential areas so that the ability to walk just a short distance to local, neighborhood-friendly amenities enriches our neighborhood fabric.

Whereas, a simplified zoning code will offer clear rules that can be followed by the average resident and enable the zoning code to be accessible to everyone.

Whereas, the DC Office of Planning and Zoning Commission have conducted extensive public outreach since 2008 through the present seeking input from ANC's, residents and other stakeholders, including: 81 public work group meetings on 20 topic areas, with a total of 1,000 participants; 42 task force meetings by a representative task force of 25 residents; 59 public hearings and meetings by the Zoning Commission on specific topics; 8 meetings in each ward in December 2012 and January 2013 to discuss the zoning revision; over 100 ANC, community group, and special interest group meetings with DC Office of Planning; and made publicly available the draft proposed text to the Zoning Commission July 29, 2013.

Therefore, be it resolved: that ANC 1A supports a new zoning code that will let D.C. grow in a sustainable way that doesn't create new traffic or parking problems, but meets the needs of current and future residents.

Therefore, be it further resolved: that allowing a homeowner to rent out a basement or garage to help pay the mortgage, give a young person the opportunity to live in the neighborhood, and let seniors age in place in their own homes benefits all residents.

Therefore, be it further resolved: that easing parking requirements in downtown areas and along busy transit corridors will help to create and preserve walkable, vibrant neighborhoods and provide more accessible housing options for more people.

Now, therefore be it further resolved: that ANC 1A asks the Zoning Commission to adopt these provisions to an updated zoning code.

Certification:

At a regularly scheduled and publicly noticed meeting held on January 8, 2014 Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1A considered the above resolution. With a quorum of 9 Commissioners present, the Commission voted with 5 yeas, 0 nos, and 4 abstentions to adopt the above resolution.



Kent Boese
Chairman, ANC 1A



Vickey Wright-Smith
Secretary, ANC 1A