

I am a District resident in Ward 2, and would like to sincerely thank OP and the Zoning Commission for your tireless work on the DC zoning rewrite. However, as the rules are finalized, I would ask you to please consider:

- a) Eliminating the proposed CIA (Camping in Alleys) zoning rule introduced by the Office of Planning. It appears this rule was made in an untransparent fashion, appears unjustified, unequally restricts private property in the District, and is inconsistent with existing code. More importantly, it eliminates a potential source of affordable micro housing in DC we should be working to develop further.*
- b) Supporting stronger language that allow the widespread development of ADU's. Specifically, the latest zoning rules on ADU's should keep 1602.2, so residents can develop accessory apartments without going through a costly and time intensive special exemption process. I feel that expanding ADU (accessory dwelling units) is essential to increasing DC's housing supply, expanding affordable housing, and allowing aging in place for DC residents.*
- c) Affordable housing is so hard to find right now, and so difficult for the government to achieve. Please don't go so overboard in regulations. I would love to see innovative concepts like ADU's thrive and provide additional housing stock. The benefit so outweighs any potential harms. We don't want to become San Francisco, a city that has such strict regulation that new housing is not built and home prices skyrocket.*

Sincerely,

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