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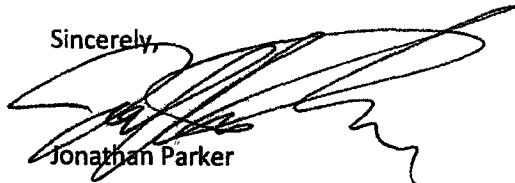
**Case 14-11**

I am writing to oppose case 14-11, the proposed changes to neighborhoods in the R-4 zone.

DC has recently, and continues to experience a tremendous demand for housing, particularly in transit-oriented, walkable neighborhoods. There is a competing desire to preserve housing for families in some of these neighborhoods, particularly rowhouse neighborhoods. As much as the intent behind the proposed zoning change might appear to be supportive of the goal of preserving housing for families in DC, it is more likely to do the opposite.

The proposal to reduce building height and allowable occupancy in the R-4 zone is not supportive of a growing city that needs to loosen, not add to housing restrictions in areas of high housing demand. An effective downzoning, which reduces the opportunities for flexibility in occupancy, building size and potential infill development opportunities will only serve to reduce housing supply and is likely to have a series of unintended consequences that we may not fully grasp today.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Parker

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