

## **Cochran, Patricia (DCOZ)**

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**From:** Mikhaela Payden-Travers <mikhaelapt@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 23, 2017 2:28 PM  
**To:** DCOZ - ZC Submissions (DCOZ)  
**Subject:** Case 14-18A - Please stand up for affordable housing!

Dear Members of the Zoning Commission,

As a voting resident of Washington DC, I want write to express my support for ONE DC tenant members and residents at Brookland Manor in case 14-18A.

Having affordable housing and economically integrated neighbors is vital to improving the health and vitality of Washington DC and surrounding communities. Reducing the number of units set aside for affordable housing and removing units that allow for larger families, to allow for more luxury apartments is unconscionable in a city that is already in the midst of a crisis when it comes to affordable housing.

Even as a nonprofit professional with a masters degree, I can only afford to live in the District thanks to my ability to find a wonderful family in the Fort Totten area that is renting out their basement. Many people who earn less than I do and who are not as fortunate to find good neighbors desperately need affordable housing, and we need more not less of it.

I hope you will seriously look at the needs of all citizens, not simply the profits of corporations as you make your decisions.

Sincerely,

Mikhaela Payden-Travers