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Subject: Support with amendments: ZC No. 23-17 Proposed Reductions to Parking Requirements for Affordable Homes
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Dear Chairman Anthony Hood,

I appreciate the effort of the Zoning Commission and DC Office of Planning to reduce parking requirements for new affordable homes in the District. Parking for cars adds significant costs to new buildings, reducing the affordability of housing. Parking requirements can even make it impossible to build much-needed affordable housing.

I join the Coalition for Smarter Growth in recommending that the threshold for eliminating parking requirements for affordable housing near transit be raised from 40-unit buildings to 50-unit buildings.

I also join CSG in urging the Commission to take the more significant step of eliminating parking requirements for affordable housing units altogether, at least near transit. Builders who are planning to serve low income residents are in the best position to assess what kind of vehicle parking is appropriate for the people they serve.

I think parking requirements need to be maximums, not minimums - this city has way too many open parking lots and underutilized land due to parking requirements. Especially in good transit areas - there should be NO PARKING REQUIREMENTS!

Thank you for your consideration.

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