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Testimony before the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia

Regarding Z.C. Case No. 24-20 (Office of Planning – Text Amendment to Subtitles B, D-F & I for Clarifications to Rear Yard Measurements in the R, RF & RA Zones)

Dear Chairman Anthony J. Hood and the members of the Zoning Commission,

On behalf of the Advocacy Committee of the Washington Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA|DC), we write in support of the text amendments proposed by the Office of Planning.

Sufficient housing is needed in the District, now and as our population continues to grow. It is vital that our zoning code supports that mission and updating the language to reduce barriers to building more units is a good step. The zoning code updates to the Residential (R), Residential Flats (RF), Residential Apartments (RA), and Downtown Zones that allow Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) up to 30% of the rear yard by right will help increase the number of units built in DC by increasing the design flexibility of ADUs.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. We look forward to working with the city to continue providing housing solutions.

Sincerely,



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