
Letter in Support of ZC Case No. 25-06

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Members of the Zoning Commission,

Hi,

My name is Samarth Gupta and I've been a resident of DC since 2022, living in three different neighborhoods of the city in that time. Before I moved to DC, I helped researchers make the first national database of eviction records and represented tenants in eviction court while in law school. The most common reason people faced an eviction--and in 2018 there were almost 75 eviction filings per day in DC--was because they couldn't make rent. The biggest reason why is the most obvious: we simply don't have enough housing. I strongly support the proposed text amendment in ZC-25-06 because it's a step forward in creating more affordable housing that thousands of families in DC need.

I implore the commission to 1) eliminate parking mandates for alley homes, 2) align unit limits with the limits of their zones, and 3) align the height limits of alley homes with their zones. Making it possible to build more alley homes will be part of the solution to our city's housing crisis. We are lucky to share this beautiful, historic city. We need to keep it affordable and accessible to all of the families who have lived here for generations and those who want to make it their home.

Thanks for your consideration,
Samarth

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