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Members of the Zoning Commission,

Hi All,

Housing affordability should be the utmost concern given how many city residents struggle with their rent and mortgage costs. Increasing affordability is impossible without building new homes to meet the demands of growing families, young adults, and the workers in our communities, yet DC's housing production has fallen off a cliff over the last two years as higher interest rates and attacks on the city's economy have stacked against homebuilders. To build enough housing for a better, more affordable city, it is no longer enough to rely only on large developers undertaking wholesale neighborhood redevelopment projects like NoMA and Navy Yard. Figuring out how to best utilize existing alley lots will help us build more housing for residents and their families while strengthening the walkable urban fabric that makes DC such a beautiful place to live.

I strongly support the proposed text amendment in ZC-25-06. The proposed changes would help address DC's housing shortage and align with the city's goals to support equitable and inclusive growth.

But DC is in a housing crisis, and we urgently need to build more homes. To help support housing creation, the Zoning Commission should consider:

1. Eliminating expensive parking mandates for alley homes.
2. Aligning unit limits with the limits of their zones.
3. Aligning the height limits of alley homes with their zones.

These changes will help us build a more inclusive, vibrant, and affordable DC.

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