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Members of the Zoning Commission,

Dear Zoning Commission,

My name is Zach, and I am a current resident of neighborhood 2G06 in Shaw. I've lived in DC as a renter for the past 10 years and I strongly believe the lack of housing and the high rent of our city holds us back and impoverishes too many. Our alleys provide not just a path for shortcuts on our daily walks but also a vibrant place for community, business, art, and living. I married Dona, the love of my life, less than a year ago and we fortunate enough to hold our reception party in Blagden Alley. So I personally know how much our alleys thrive based on a strong community presence. That's why I believe the zoning commission can directly benefit both current and future residents through a sensible increase in alley homes.

I strongly support the proposed text amendment in ZC-25-06. Alley housing can help address affordability, increase neighborhood safety through active usage, and enhance community character.

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.

Sincerely,

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