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District of Columbia Zoning Commission  
441 4th Street, NW Suite 2005  
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Dear Zoning Commission Members,

I write today as Chair of the District of Columbia's Committee on Housing in strong support of the Office of Planning's proposed text amendment in Case 25-06 to facilitate the construction of alley homes.

I commend the Office of Planning's thoughtful work to advance the city's housing production goals, including recognizing the potential of alley lots. I also urge the Commission to consider additional flexibility in parking requirements, which can render projects financially unviable and are often unnecessary given that many alley lots are transit accessible. As we strive to meet the objectives of the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital, reforms such as these will be essential.

As Chair of the Housing Committee, I believe this amendment is not just a technical fix — it is a crucial step to help us produce high-quality housing units that are smaller-scale, context-sensitive, and integrated across our city's neighborhoods. By enabling alley-lot development, we can diversify our housing stock make incremental but meaningful additions to our overall housing supply.

I urge the Commission to align our zoning policy with our housing imperatives and approve the Office of Planning's proposed text amendment in Case 25-06—and to consider whether additional flexibility in parking requirements might help maximize its impact.

Thank you for your consideration and for the Commission's ongoing work. I look forward to working with you to deliver quality housing for all Washingtonians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R.C. White, Jr.".

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