



## Support for Case No. 25-09

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Re: Support for Case No. 25-09

My name is Peter Lom. I am a resident of Woodley Park, and I strongly support the rezoning of the Woodley Park and Cleveland Park commercial districts. I love my neighborhood for its combination of urban, walkable, transit-accessible living and easy access to nature. But this part of the city has said "No" to more housing and businesses for a long time. This has meant on the one hand sky-high rents, and on the other hand empty storefronts and a lack of investment in the neighborhoods' aging building stock.

I would love for Woodley Park and Cleveland Park to be able to welcome more residents and businesses, and the proposed zoning changes before you would help do just that. I want to particularly emphasize the additional housing that the zoning changes would allow, which would help tackle a serious crisis of affordability in our city and particularly in Ward 3, where very little new housing has been built in the last 50+ years. As a major thoroughfare with excellent transit connections, the Woodley Park and Cleveland Park commercial districts are exactly where more housing makes the most sense. If we as a city cannot say "Yes" to more housing here, it calls into question how we could ever solve DC's housing affordability crisis.

I experienced the city's lack of affordability personally when I was searching for a place to live several years ago. I am an attorney for a federal regulatory agency, and even on my salary my housing search in Woodley Park and Cleveland Park was restricted to 1950s-era rent-controlled buildings (and even those are a stretch). It doesn't have to be this way. More housing is the answer.

Woodley Park and Cleveland Park have become out of reach as a place to live for most people. It's time we change that. I urge you to support this rezoning to help make my neighborhood a more affordable, vibrant, and welcoming place to live.

Thank you,

Peter Lom

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