
Support upzoning Connecticut Avenue in Cleveland Park & Woodley Park, ZC No. 25-09

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Dear Chairman Anthony Hood,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed upzoning of Connecticut Avenue in Woodley Park and Cleveland Park. This proposal creates new mixed-use zones that allow room for more homes above shops for these business districts.

I support this proposed rezoning to encourage much needed new homes, including affordable homes, by permitting taller buildings on Connecticut Avenue. These changes would be guided by design guidelines that ensure compatibility with historic preservation and provide careful transitions to adjacent neighborhoods.

I also support removing the cap on restaurants in these business districts, which can help create a more vibrant commercial district.

These changes are valuable, if modest. Ward 3 lags behind the rest of the District in providing new housing and affordable housing. Woodley Park and Cleveland Park were one of three priority areas in Ward 3 identified by the Comprehensive Plan for the creation of more housing and affordable homes.

I urge you to support this proposal so Woodley Park and Cleveland Park can offer more housing for people who would like to live there, and more affordable housing, along with a vibrant mix of businesses. This proposal helps build a more inclusive, walkable Ward 3 and DC.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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