
Support for Connecticut Ave. rezoning, Case No. 25-09

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RE: Support for Connecticut Ave. rezoning, Case No. 25-09

Good evening, my name is Mark Teschauer. I've been a resident in Near Northeast for 4.5 years, and I support the proposed rezoning along the Connecticut Avenue corridor. This proposal will encourage more housing options, including affordable housing, in this high-opportunity neighborhood. It will also support the District's climate goals by supporting more transit-oriented community development and making it more convenient for DC residents to meet daily needs using more affordable active and public transportation.

There are many aspects of this rezoning that speak to my concerns as a District resident. One of these is around affordability and cost of living. I would love to remain a DC resident and become a homeowner someday, but housing costs are very high and are delaying my ability to pursue homeownership in the District. We need to do more to encourage more housing production in the District in order to increase supply and keep housing costs in check. Increasing housing potential in high-opportunity areas such as along the Connecticut Avenue corridor gives all DC residents better options - more people can live there, and it relieves some development pressure on other parts of the city and reduces displacement pressures there for lower-income residents. Additionally, building housing near transit and amenities like shops and retail make it easier for residents to be less car dependent, meaning they reduce transportation expenses by driving less or even giving up their car.

Another reason to support this proposed rezoning is climate change. I have long cared about the climate because of the ways both big and small it would harm me and the people and places I care about. However, we are living in a time where we're experiencing these changes firsthand, and the need for action across all levels of government to address the climate crisis is more urgent than ever. Welcoming more homes and people to Connecticut Ave. is part of the climate solution to reduce how much people need to drive, and even supports realization of the District's own Carbon Free DC and Sustainable DC 2.0 plan goals.

I urge you to approve this proposed rezoning. Thank you for your consideration.

Mark Teschauer