



Commissioner Gwendolyn Lohse

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E, District 2E06

Testimony on 11/5/2025 on ZC 25-12

Dear Chairperson Hood and Zoning Commissioners,

The proposed Text Amendments under consideration are all proposed to be ‘by right’, thus proposing to remove the current review requirements. The focus of these 24 proposed Text Amendments is extremely varied and unrelated. Several entities including ANC2s have understandably voiced concerns about the ability for a meaningful public review of such a vast and varied set of proposals.

Today, you will be reviewing *4 of the 24 proposed* Text Amendments. Due to the overarching ‘by right’ nature of the proposals, I am sharing opposition with proposed amendment below. I urge the Zoning Committee to not support this Text Amendment proposals at this time unless it is edited as presented below.

As you will see, my opposition is focused on the historic areas of the District, one of which is in our ANC, Georgetown’s federal historic district. Our city cannot recreate these historic districts. Taking a universal ‘by right’ approach for the below outlined area is irresponsible. In doing so our city proposes to ignore the thoughtful planning needed to protect some of the District’s most unique (and profitable) assets as well as public review processes that have proven to be valuable.

Reduced Required Parking Amendments

- **RATIONALE:** Georgetown (and Burleith) both lacks a metro stop (although ANC 2E has pushed for one) and as of this summer – just a few months ago- we have significantly reduced bus service under WMATA’s “Better” Bus Network. Yet, our visitor rates, number of hotel rooms, and housing stock continues to grow each and every month. We understand the Office of Planning’s desire to standardize parking regulations for buildings no matter when built, however, our neighborhoods transportation realities must not be ignored. Many of our residents – who pay taxes – need cars to travel to work in Virginia, other parts of DC and Maryland. Others use cars due to disabilities or childcare needs.
 - **RECOMMENDATION – OPPOSE for neighborhoods lacking metro.** ANC 2E opposes this ‘by right’ parking reduction for ANC 2E (and other neighbors that meet the same critical as us) until the city puts forth a cross-agency plan for our neighborhood/these neighborhoods to become less car dependent while also



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allowing for families, elderly, disabled, residents with jobs not near public transport to live in such neighborhoods.

I would also like to note that the above comments must also be considered in unison with the other proposed city-wide Omnibus amendments such as adding density. The package of these proposed amendments do impact one another and someone in OP should be considering how/where the cross-overs are and the potential unexpected impacts.