

Cochran, Patricia (DCOZ)

From: Megan Draheim <megan.draheim@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 6:03 PM
To: DCOZ - BZA Submissions (DCOZ)
Subject: Case Number 20266, 3400 Connecticut Ave NW - Comments in Support

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the DC Government. Do not click on links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know that the content is safe. If you believe that this email is suspicious, please forward to phishing@dc.gov for additional analysis by OCTO Security Operations Center (SOC).

Hello,

I'm writing in support of the parking variance requested by the developer of 3400 Connecticut Avenue. Given this project's proximity to both bus and rail, and the fact that currently only one resident of the existing building at this site has a residential parking permit, I think it's clear that the people who will be attracted to this project will not need or want RPPs. Moreover, by specifying in the lease that renters will not be eligible for RPPs, the population will be even more self-selecting. There are certainly many people interested in living in DC who do not own cars (which is still a growing trend, and easier than ever given car- and ride-sharing services, not to mention scooters, etc).

We desperately need more housing in DC, and Cleveland Park does not currently provide it's fair share. Requiring parking spaces for people who do not need them or want them seems to me to be a way to make it harder for any sort of new housing to be built in Cleveland Park, which is not in keeping with the city's goals to add new housing. This development has tremendous neighborhood support, and we do not want to see it ended because of unnecessary parking requirements.

I'm urging you to grant the project at 3400 Connecticut the requested parking variance and allow this project to move forward.

Thanks for your consideration,

Megan Draheim
3065 Porter St. NW
202-438-2946