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To the members of the Board of Zoning,

I am writing to voice my strong support for the application for the special exception of the parking requirement for the Macklin Project (3400 Connecticut Partners LLC - Case 20266). I have been living car-free in Cleveland Park since 2011. Metro, bus lines, bike share, grocery stores, restaurants, bars, shops, dry cleaners, and pharmacies can all be reached on foot on Connecticut Avenue. I believe that the Macklin project will naturally draw future residents that are happy to live car-free or rent off-street parking. The applicant's data point that only 1 out of 17 current Macklin units own a car supports this belief. In addition, the current parking lot at the Macklin site, as well as the Sam's Park and Shop at Connecticut and Ordway are almost always sitting empty.

The Macklin Project will benefit our city by adding more housing units (including affordable housing), improving the streetscape, creating new retail opportunities, and adding a public plaza that all can enjoy. Prioritizing parking for the few car-owners over all these community benefits will make our neighborhood less inclusive, less environmentally sustainable, and less vibrant.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment, and thank you for all the work you put into our city.

Best regards,

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