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My name is Sauleh Ahmad Siddiqui, my email is saulehforanc@gmail.com, my telephone number is 7175724835, and I live at 3446 Connecticut Ave NW, Apt 208, Washington, DC 20008.

I write in full support of the Board of Zoning Application #20266 to waive parking requirement associated with increased square footage and uses at 3400 Connecticut Avenue NW (Macklin property; 3400 Connecticut Partners LLC, Case 20266). There are many reasons why this parking requirement should be waived:

- 1) I live in an apartment building on the same block of Connecticut Ave as this property. I own a car and park on the street, and have had no trouble at all finding parking. Our apartment building does not have a parking lot either, and there is large amounts of street parking available all over the neighborhood.
- 2) The Macklin is located close to both east-west and north-south bus stops as well as a metro station. A car is not needed to access this neighborhood.
- 3) We need to be promoting sustainability, health, and safety in our neighborhood. Our urban infrastructure needs to be for people, not cars. A plaza where people can sit and enjoy the outdoors is so much more beneficial for the community than a parking lot that is likely to be empty all the time.
- 4) Research has shown that in urban areas, "minimum parking requirements increase the cost of housing, office buildings, and shopping centers in order to subsidize parking." (citation: Shoup, D. (2014), "The High Cost of Minimum Parking Requirements", Parking Issues and Policies (Transport and Sustainability, Vol. 5), Emerald Group Publishing Limited, pp. 87-113. <https://doi.org/10.1108/S2044-994120140000005011>). This especially applies to Cleveland Park and this application.

Thank you for your time.

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