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Commissioners of ANC 3C and members of the Board of Zoning Adjustment,
I write in support of the waiver request for 3400 Connecticut Partners LLC, Case 20266. I am a current resident of Cleveland Park. The location of the proposed project is visible from the rooftop of my building, and I walk by it several times per week. I am also someone who lives car free in this city, a bicycling advocate, and in my day job, an advocate for climate friendly buildings.

The proposed project at 3400 Connecticut should be granted the parking waiver for several reasons. 1) The new homes (condos, townhomes and apartments are homes for individuals or families, even if they aren't single family detached structures) that will be constructed at this site are located directly on top of one of the less utilized metro stops in the Metro system. The site also has access to several bus routes, and may soon have access to a new bike lane. 2) The proposed project adds housing in Ward 3 without requiring displacement of any families and without causing gentrification. 3) Infill housing as proposed here is an important and necessary solution to climate change.

Opponents of this project will cite several concerns, including the businesses in the neighborhood that are currently struggling which the project's opponents will claim is due to lack of parking. This is simply not the case. If parking alone was the solution, the parking spaces in Sam's Park and Shop would not spend so much time empty, nor would the vacant storefronts. The opponents will also tell you that we shouldn't build apartments because of Covid-19. I will remind the commissioners and the members of the BZA that we do not build buildings just for today, but for the next 50 to 100 years. The Commissioners who represent a historic district, should particularly understand this.

Cleveland Park needs more housing much more than it needs parking. It needs residents and it needs the ability to evolve and change. Adding these 35 new homes in our community, directly on top of a metro stop, and within walking distance of all that the neighborhood has to offer is a good first step. Please approve this project without requiring parking, it isn't necessary.

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