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Board of Zoning Adjustments and ANC3C members,
I write on behalf of my wife and I in support of 3400 Connecticut Partners LLC, Case 20266.

We have owned 3100 Newark St, NW since 2003 and look forward to seeing the Maklin project as it rejuvenates the corner of Newark and Connecticut.

We are fully supportive of a parking waiver for the project. In review of why:

Parking is not a problem: In our years in our house, there has rarely been a need for us to park further than a couple of spaces from the front of our house. And like many others on our street, we have a driveway and garage that we often leave empty or fill with other things! To demand assured private use of public land for parking is Inappropriate....

Parking is not a goal: We would prefer people, not cars, to inhabit our neighborhood. There is plenty of parking at the Maklin site now. Its ugly, unfriendly and a drag on the community. Filling that space with the planned courtyard and communal space and with residents should be our absolute priority. A focus on protecting parking has denied needed growth in CP for too long – and the businesses of the Cleveland park business district have suffered as a result. Mandating parking of this site will either kill the project, or drive up the cost considerably. We all benefit from having affordable housing, or at least as cheap as possible, in the district.

We have been temporarily living in Hamburg, where we are car free despite 4 kids. It is doable, particularly in a location like Cleveland Park on Connecticut. Lets set that example with the Maklin!

Thanks,

Collins and Jessica Roth
3100 Newark St.