Testimony of Ms. Rose Oliphant in Support of Office of Planning's Option 1B Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia ZC Case No. 04-336, Inclusionary Zoning Amendment April 14, 2016

My name is Rose Oliphant. I am an active member of the Arthur Capper/Carrollsburg community. I've been in that neighborhood for 30 years. This is where I've raised my three adult children.

I am here to ask you to support making Inclusionary Zoning truly affordable.

It would be a shame if the Zoning Commission didn't make IZ meet the tremendous needs of so many DC residents who are working hard, but earn too little to afford a decent home in the city.

I work a full time and a part-time job and still making ends meet is still a challenge.

Now that my kids have grown up, I want them to go college and get a good job and be able to support a family of their own one day.

Like any mother, I want to keep my family close to me. If DC's housing prices keep going up, where will my kids live? They are working and going to school, they still don't earn enough to get an apartment on their own.

I am here today to urge you to ensure that you make the IZ apartments as affordable as possible. We need to do everything we can to help DC residents with good jobs have the chance to live in an affordable apartment.

I don't expect IZ to be as affordable as public housing. But, I do expect you and the city to ensure that IZ is really creating affordable apartment so my kids and other hard-working adults can stay in the city.

Please support Option 1B to make all future IZ rental units affordable to households at 60% of Area Median Income.

Thank you for your consideration.

EXHIBIT NO.202