

My name is Sam Bell. I've been in DC for 11 years. My wife and I are homeowners in NW.

I'm a volunteer with JUFJ and I'm here to ask you to move forward with 1B.

Cities are dynamic places. There will always be people coming and people going. What I'm really interested in is the mix. Is DC livable for people in a range of professions? The trends are not good. It seems less and less feasible for working class people to live in DC and especially its growing neighborhoods.

Last year a Washington Post poll found that for the first time a majority of residents making less than \$50,000 and a majority of black residents think that DC's redevelopment is "mainly bad" for people like them. This is very alarming. I'd like my leaders to actively work to reverse this trend.

Although I wish it went further, I think 1B is an important first step in addressing what I consider to be an existential issue for the city.

Thank you for your service on this commission and your consideration of this very important matter.