

To whom it may concern,

I strongly support the passage of Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 23-10. Reducing or eliminating parking minimums is an essential part of not only meeting the County's climate goals, but also creating more walkable, transit-oriented, and livable communities. Starting with areas around transit is a no-brainer: we are fortunate in this County to have a strong transit backbone, centered around one of the best heavy rail systems in the country, that enables many of our residents to live car-free or car-lite lifestyles. Requiring parking directly undermines that transit system by encouraging residents to drive, rather than walk, bike, or take transit. I would like to note that removing minimums does not eliminate the option to include parking if a developer wishes; it merely allows developers to respond to market forces when designing their projects. A good follow-up to this Amendment would be an amendment/bill to encourage the use of underused county parking garages instead of building additional private facilities. A bill/amendment encouraging sharing parking between developments would be a good idea as well.

Thank you,

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