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Anna McLaughlin
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Re: DDOT Carsharing Initiative Evaluation

Dear Ms. McLaughlin:

Per your conversation with Omar Mahmud, Chair of our Transportation and Public Space Committee, please accept this letter (and email) beyond the January 31, 2008 deadline for comments.

At our regularly scheduled public meeting on February 14, 2008, our Commission voted unanimously to support DDOT's car sharing initiative and to forward the following comments with respect to the Curbside Carsharing Evaluation completed in December 2007:

Proposal to charge carsharing partners a fee per parking spot: Although we fully appreciate the policy reasons for charging the city's carsharing partners such a fee, we encourage you to reconsider this proposal. DeLania Hardy of our Transportation and Public Space Committee spoke with Ellice Perez of ZipCar, who indicated such a fee would significantly impair the company's ability to provide carsharing services to District residents. In addition, Ms. Hardy's research of fifteen other jurisdictions offering similar carsharing services found none that charged such a fee. Therefore, we believe the program's future success will be dependent on public curbside parking spots being provided to carsharing partners free of charge.

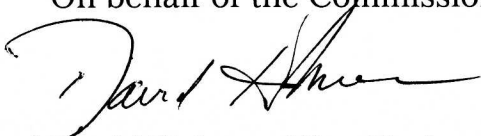
Use of revenue generated by charging carsharing partners parking spot fees: Although we maintain curbside parking spots should be offered to carsharing partners free of charge, should you choose to charge a fee per carsharing parking spot, please consider utilizing at least some of the revenue generated for the maintenance of carsharing parking spots, improved carshare parking spot

signage, and enhanced enforcement measures such as towing. In addition, we believe carsharing companies may be encouraged to place carsharing spots in underserved neighborhoods by lowering the parking spot fees charged for curbside spots in such neighborhoods.

Require new large-scale commercial and residential development to provide carsharing spots as a community amenity: We also request that you look into ways of encouraging the placement of new car sharing spots in upcoming developments city-wide.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Omar Mahmud of our Transportation and Public Space Committee at (202) 546-1520 or familymahmud@yahoo.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Holmes", written over a horizontal line.

David Holmes, Vice Chair
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

Cc: Ellice Perez, Regional Vice President ZipCar
Tommy Wells, Councilmember Ward 6
Joseph Fengler, Chair ANC 6A
Gottlieb Simon, OANC