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Good morning Planning Commission,

I hope you had a lovely weekend. I live in District 3 in the City of Richmond and am writing in support of removing parking minimums. Richmond, similar to many cities and localities across the country, has prioritized vehicles for so long. Riding my bike around town, you can't help but notice giant parking lots sitting vacant in a city famous for its extreme heat maps and lack of tree canopy. Not only do parking minimums create wasted space as they are designed to accommodate "holiday rushes" at grocery stores or the arbitrarily set "peak needs" for businesses and/or apartments but they are devastating when addressing the need for affordable housing in a city where the Mayor recently introduced an ordinance to declare a housing crisis. People need housing, they do not need another spot to park their car. Richmond only has a finite amount of space left to dedicate to increasing the housing stock and we would be making a mistake by requiring businesses and other entities to include a parking minimum. We have the opportunity to be the first city in Virginia to remove parking minimums, ultimately showing families, individuals, and even developers that we are taking the required steps to get people into homes rather than just talking about it.

I appreciate you taking the time to read this. I hope that you all are confident that your research and whatever you choose regarding the ORD. 2023-101 will not be negatively impacting our city for years to come.

Best,
Hannah Moore