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Hello, my name is Austin Hobson and I am a homeowner in the city of Richmond. I urge the planning commission and city council to eliminate mandatory parking minimums here in Richmond.

This city (and country really) has unfortunately prioritized cars over people for the past century and it has left it's mark on our urban landscape. There are so many surface lots that could be houses, apartment complexes, condos, or businesses and yet they are left underutilized and underdeveloped because we arbitrarily require x number of spaces for any building developed there. We have plenty of parking and as you know any developer deciding to build there can continue to build parking if they deem it necessary.

We have subsidized parking for too long at the detriment to all other forms of transportation and urban walkability. Other cities have removed the parking minimums and have seen positive results from doing so. Please let the city of Richmond follow this trend and increase density, walkability, and revenue as more buildings can be built without having to require them to keep space for cars.

Thank you,
Austin Hobson