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My name is Becca Richardson. My wife, two children, and I live in the third district on Garland Ave off of Brookland Park Boulevard. I am writing to express my support to amend certain zoning codes (as outlined in the meeting agenda) to include allowance (without a special application process) for emergency, transitional, and permanent supportive housing in all of Richmond's districts. My family and I are lucky enough to have the stability we have, but I am all too aware of how easy it is to lose stability, including and especially housing, due to job loss, mental health challenges, addiction, and more. To offer a personal example, my father experienced "houselessness" in Boston for a period of time due to a combination of unfortunate variables. Thanks to the large number of shelters and supportive organizations available to him, he was able to reach by foot and public transportation, he was able to eventually find permanent housing and re-establish his stability. My hope for Richmond is that we can make it easier for our community members to transition through periods of instability in their lives by providing safe places for them to sleep, eat, and take care of their personal hygiene in a way that honors their dignity as humans and as our neighbors. I ask Committee members to approach this vote with an open heart and a willingness to hammer out the subsequent logistics necessary for constituents to feel comfortable with these amendments. Thank you for your time.

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