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Subject: Support for CB #25-0062, CB #25-0064, CB #25-0065

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Sincerely,
Mr. Dillon Broadwell
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I agree with the message below, but I just wanted to add a few things.

Residential neighborhoods should not have more parking spaces than people. But when I used to live at 39th and Keswick, that was exactly the case. I don't just agree with the argument that tying parking to housing is ridiculous because it reduces housing options and drives up housing costs (although that is very true, and as a renter and as someone who averages one car trip per week, this affects me a lot). I also think it's a huge barrier to walkable neighborhoods for people who live here to constantly have to walk around parking lots in order to access services. Parking lots everywhere are an urban blight. Only rich people can afford to pay an extra \$150 a month to pay for a parking space in these developments anyway. And requiring parking lots for new developments encourages people moving to developments in already walkable neighborhoods to drive everywhere, creating more traffic.

I agree with Bikemore and have the same t-shirt that Jed Weeks wears everywhere: Street parking is theft. It swindles us of better designed communities to serve outdated, dinosaur concepts of what it means to live in the city. It is perfectly possible to look at research into ways to make sure that there is ample parking for local businesses - but taking valuable public space for new build apartments reduces the available resources to provide this.

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Sincerely,
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From: jacquiegreff@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jacqueline Greff
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Sincerely,
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Sincerely,
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Sincerely,
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From: faithowhonda@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Faith Owhonda
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Sincerely,

Ms. Faith Owhonda

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Sincerely,
Mr. Jason Olson
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Sincerely,

Ms. Jillian Capewell

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From: davis.randolph@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Randy Davis
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Sincerely,
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Sincerely,
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: samjzisowmcclean@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sam Zisow-McClean
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This is genuinely exciting to me as a Baltimore resident!

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Sincerely,
Mx. Sam Zisow-McClean
2608 Hamilton Ave Baltimore, MD 21214-1909 samjzisowmcclean@gmail.com

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From: haywardcollin@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Collin Hayward
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Sincerely,
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From: brodys2001@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Brody Snook <brodys2001@everyactioncustom.com>
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Sincerely,
Mr. Brody Snook
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From: jeffdalik@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jeffrey Dalik
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Sincerely,
Mr. Jeffrey Dalik
320 Westshire Rd Baltimore, MD 21229-2234 jeffdalik@gmail.com

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From: neville.ferns@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Neville Fernandes
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Sincerely,
Mr. Neville Fernandes
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Leva, Anthony F (City Council)

From: livingbybike@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Claire Pomykala
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Sincerely,
Ms. Claire Pomykala
3970 Falls Rd Baltimore, MD 21211-1866
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Sincerely,
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Ms Vicki Vandenburg
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