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March 19, 2019

Dear Mayor Keller and Councilor Benton,

We write to request a change in City ordinances and policies related to on-street parking in EDO and Huning Highlands.

1. While we support the parking meters along Central and adjacent streets, we would request their effective hours be changed from 7:00 AM-6:00 PM, to 8:00 AM-5:00 PM. One of EDO's top goals, and one of the top goals of the proposed EDO Metropolitan Redevelopment Area (MRA), is adding more residents to the corridors and to the neighborhood. Local business activity creates little demand for parking during those two hours we propose eliminating, but residential demand for those 2 hours is very high. We do not feel it appropriate or economically supportive to require a resident to come outside at 7:00 AM to feed a parking meter, when their residence in our neighborhood creates far more value than \$1.00.

2. We request that the Neighborhood Parking Permit Program be amended in the following 2 ways:

(a) the program would be neighborhood-wide for EDO and Huning Highlands, not block by block. All residents in the neighborhood would qualify for a permit. We believe this change supports far more and far better neighborhood cohesion, and parking utilization.

(b) the effective hours of the program would be changed to 5:00 PM to 8:00 AM, 7 days a week, allowing others to park there from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM when many residents are gone and parking spaces are freed up. It's during evenings, overnight, and early morning that residents most need protection for those parking spaces, not during the business day.

We thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely and with best regards,

Vince DiGregory, President
For the EDO Neighborhood Association