



# Spring Valley Neighborhood Association

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Chairman Anthony Hood  
District of Columbia Zoning Commission  
441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Suite 200S  
Washington, D.C. 20001

RE: Spring Valley Neighborhood Association's Comments on Z.C. Case No. 18-06

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission:

The Spring Valley Neighborhood Association ("SVNA") submits the following comments regarding the Office of Planning's proposed text amendment to ZR-16, as well as the related proposal submitted by the Committee of 100 on the Federal City, the Spring Valley-Wesley Heights Citizens Association ("SVWHCA"), and Neighbors for a Livable Community ("NLC").

First, SVNA strongly opposes the proposal to automatically apply the proposed MU-4A zone city-wide. We support responsible development that results in positive growth while preserving our neighborhood's unique character. We do not support efforts to unilaterally impose significant zoning restrictions on other communities, especially without any meaningful public notice or debate.

Second, regarding the underlying zoning case (17-11), we applaud the affected community's efforts to engage with the petitioner, Office of Planning, and the Zoning Commission to come up with an innovative, compromise solution to address concerns regarding the proposed development. However, we share the concerns raised by ANC3D and others that the proposed text amendment will be used by certain groups and individuals simply as a tool to delay and stifle responsible, common-sense development proposals. There has been significant public attention recently regarding the abuse of the historic designation application process to stop projects with broad community support, and we sincerely hope that adoption of this text amendment doesn't result in similar abuses of the map amendment petition process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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