

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Executive Office of the Mayor  
Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development



ZONING COMMISSION  
District of Columbia

CASE NO. 08-06

EXHIBIT NO. 112

- Good Evening Chairman Hood and members of the Zoning Commission.
- My name is Brandon Mitchell, and I am a Project Manager with the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED).
- DMPED is responsible for the New Communities program, as well as an extensive real estate development program.
- First I would like to thank my colleagues at DDOE and OP for their extensive research, analysis and proposals for a Green Area Ration (GAR)
- On behalf of DMPED, I am pleased to lend our support to their efforts, and to offer our assistance in the continued evaluation and implementation of the GAR.
- I am encouraged that the GAR will enable the District to continue as a national leader in the development of a more sustainable community.
- The GAR is another useful tool in our efforts to meet national and local mandates, particularly for storm water retention.
- As one of the District's primary catalysts for real estate development, I am especially encouraged by the efforts and commitment of DDOE, OP and DCRA to work collaboratively to train personnel, and provide technical and cost sharing support to property owners.
- The flexibility that the staff has integrated into the draft text makes it more likely that we will achieve not just compliance, but innovation.

- The successful implementation of the GAR, along with many of the other initiatives currently being implemented or explored by my colleagues including the Green Building Act, the Climate Action Plan, and renewable energy generation, will help to make the District not just sustainable, but a restorative place in which to do business, live and recreate.
- Again, my compliments to my colleagues at DDOE, and OP and I reiterate our offer to be of any assistance that we can provide.
- Thank you Mr. Chariman, and Members of the Commission.