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BY FAX
The Honorable Carol Mitten, Chairperson
District of Columbia Zoning Commission
Suite 2103
441-4th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Chairperson Mitten:

I am writing regarding the action by the Mayor and the Office of Planning to zone all parks so that citizens of the District will not have any input before recreational facilities are built on these sites. The City may find this process inconvenient but citizens have a right to know what is planned on park space in their neighborhood.

It appears that everyone is forgetting that the Mayor and his representatives have a responsibility to the citizens of the District of Columbia not to push things down our throats. We pay their salaries to look out for our best interests with input from us.

All new planned construction should go through the zoning process because traffic, environmental and transportation studies, and historic preservation review must be part of the process. If not, inappropriate construction will take place on these sites and citizens will have no recourse.

We do not yet live in a totalitarian state where all decisions come from the top with no input from citizens. These undemocratic tactics do not speak well of our city government.

I hope that you will refuse this request by the Mayor and the Office of Planning because it directly conflicts with the democratic process.

I can be reached at (202) 726- 4099. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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