

Residential Action Coalition

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FOUNDED IN 1983

Chairman Hood and Zoning Commission members, my name is Kathryn A. Eckles, and I am President of the Residential Action Coalition (RAC), a neighborhood organization that was founded in 1983 to support historic preservation, planning, licensing and zoning in the Greater Dupont Circle area.

The Residential Action Coalition wholeheartedly supports the proposed zoning remapping that you have heard about tonight. RAC believes that for too long, this neighborhood's zoning has been at odds with its existing land use, and we further believe that the recommendations, as presented this evening, are exactly what we need to correct the situation.

The neighborhood is low scale and row house in character, and we need a zoning category that better recognizes that, not one that was planned 50 years ago when much denser residential use was envisioned as an adjunct to a massive freeway system, one leg of which was to cut directly through the area under review. As an approach to the U Street Freeway, houses along S, Swann, T and Caroline in the 1500 blocks would have been demolished.

RAC believes so strongly in this all-volunteer neighborhood proposal that it has helped fund some of the costs associated with the application's preparation.

Further, we hope that the Zoning Commission will agree with us that the time has come to make this zoning change which has been sought since the Comprehensive Plan was first presented in 1982.

Thanks you for your support.



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