
DUPONT CIRCLE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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Chairman Hood and members of the Zoning Commission:

DCCA is pleased to co-sponsor this initiative to request the changing of the existing zoning on residential blocks that are almost entirely within the DCCA membership boundaries. Our general membership and our Board of Directors have both had presentations on this initiative. The DCCA Board at a regular board meeting with a quorum present voted to financially support and co-sponsor this application. Having participated in a community forum advertised by fliers to each of the properties and having wide knowledge of neighborhood opinions, I know of no opposition to the requested change.

DCCA believes that this effort, the work of countless hours by several neighborhood volunteers, is exactly the kind of activity that we, as an organization, should be supporting because of its long-term benefit in helping to sustain the historic and architectural residential character of the area. Overall, our neighborhood is low in massing and scale, essentially one of 2- and 3-story row houses, most of which were built in the late 19th century. The proposal being submitted is consistent with the policy guidelines outlined in the 2006 DC Comprehensive Plan for this and other city neighborhoods. All the blocks proposed for rezoning are residential.

In its 86 years, DCCA has worked with the Zoning Commission and previous regulatory bodies to shape Dupont Circle's character. In years when commercial development was threatening the residential character, the Dupont Circle Overlay was passed. In years when the large houses could find no good use, we helped develop the SP zoning category. Now when we are such a desirable residential neighborhood that developers want to add on to these houses, we request these changes in zoning categorization for these blocks to help these blocks stay as desirable they are.

We hope the Commission will act favorably on this proposal, and I thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Robert Halligan
President

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