



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3D

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March 4, 2015

Anthony J. Hood

Chairman

DC Zoning Commission

441 4th Street, NW, Suite 220-S

Washington, DC 20001

Dear Chairman Hood:

At its regularly scheduled March 4, 2015 meeting with a quorum present at all times, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 3D voted 10-0 to request that the review period for the Zoning Regulation Review (ZRR) document, soon to be published in the DC Register, be left open for a total of 120 days. As the Zoning Commission is aware, there have been five different ZRR iterations and each has contained edits. Given the length of the document, a lack of public outreach by OP since early fall, or a red line copy for reference, ZRR review will require significant time.

The ANC finds itself at the end of a very long and arduous process which will result in a set of new zoning regulations that will determine land use in the city and potentially affect its 130 distinct and identifiable neighborhoods. The Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan notes:

The same effort given to keep Washington's monumental core a symbol of national pride must be given to the city's neighborhoods. After all the

public image of the city is defined as much by its homes, businesses, streets, and neighborhood spaces as it is by its monuments and federal building. For Washington's residents, the neighborhoods are the essence of the city's social and physical environment. Land Use policies must ensure that all neighborhoods have adequate access to commercial services, parks, educational and cultural facilities, and sufficient housing opportunities while protecting their rich historic and cultural legacies." LU-2.1

The neighborhood areas noted at the top of this letterhead have distinct characteristics which have been woven into the fabric of the city. They are home to residential areas, institutions and neighborhood-serving commercial areas. No requests have emanated from our communities for changes in land use policies, a point that has been made repeatedly to the Zoning Commission, the DC Council and the Office of Planning.

ANC asks the Zoning Commission to consider the task that lies ahead as residents review for the final time, a completed version of the new zoning regulations. We request an expansion of the time limit for review from 90 to 120 days.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Smith", with a stylized, cursive script.

Thomas M. Smith
Chair