

Dear DC Planning Officials,

I want the Zoning Regulations Rewrite to be an inclusive public review process. A city is made up of humans, not merely business interests, and thus it is the people of the city that must be served by and consulted regarding changes to city policies.

This is why I appreciate that you are holding a meeting on Monday, September 21, 2015, to determine an extension of time and what languages the ZRR ought to be translated to.

It is imperative that more time be granted for review -- four to six months -- so that limited-English speaking residents and communities can be given the chance to comment on the far-reaching ZRR and allow us all to participate meaningfully.

And, I am asking that the ZRR, and all affiliated zoning cases, be translated into DC's various spoken languages, and at least in Spanish, Amrahic, and Chinese. This request is supported by the DC Comprehensive Plan for building an Inclusive City and should form part of a sincere effort to listen to what city residents need and opine and to act accordingly.

I look forward to your response to this request.

Respectfully,
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