

To City Officials,

I understand recent proposed changes to the Zoning Code have been prepared in English-only. This is not inclusive, particularly when the DC Comprehensive Plan seeks to build an Inclusive City. The Comprehensive Plan is also supposed to shape DC's zoning code.

I support language access here in DC and so should the Zoning Commission at your meeting on September 21, 2015.

I am asking zoning and planning officials for more time -- four to six months -- to allow for the translation and then review of the language found in the ZRR. By doing so, the City can show that it is meaningfully seeking inclusive and transparent planning.

My request for more time and translation is supported by the DC Comprehensive Plan itself which as I understand notes the vital role foreign-born District residents play in the diversity and cultural heritage of our City.

I look for your support on Sept. 21 so we all can participate fully in the future development of our City.

Regards,
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