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Subject: ZRR: value inclusion in DC

Dear Zoning and Planning Officials of the District,

As a DC native and resident, the ZRR concerns me, as does our city's future. I wonder: will this city be a good and pleasant place to live and work? Will it be vibrant, healthful, soulful, and inclusive? Or will it be a flimsy shell parceled off to the highest bidder?

Affordable (truly affordable!) housing is a clear and basic need. As city leaders, you can build requirements for it in all parts of the city right into the city's plan, without unreasonable exceptions.

When and if the ZRR is enacted, there will be absolutely no 'low-income' housing required in any developments in the newly expanded Downtown District, and other parts of the City. I see people sleeping on the streets of downtown DC. Sleeping on the streets. Driving the area to be even more upscale is obscene.

Further, the ZRR is far too an important civic document to prevent all residents from commenting on, yet it has been published for review in English only. The city is multilingual. The people who drive the life of this city forward are multilingual; to a significant degree that means proficiency in languages that are not English. Thus, the operations of the city must reflect that fact. Translations of the ZRR should made available with more time for all to comment.

This is too important to ignore.

I would be happy to hear what you plan to do to protect and expand affordable housing in the District and recognize the many languages it takes to make the city great.

Sincerely,
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