

September 25, 2015

Chairman Anthony Hood
Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 200-S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Comments on ZRR Case No. 08-06A -Proposed Title 11 DCMR – Zoning

Dear Chairman Hood,

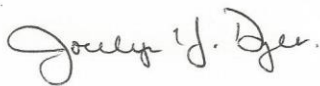
I am a resident of an R-1-B neighborhood in the District of Columbia, and I am writing to oppose the proposed changes to the zoning regulations that would eliminate many of the diplomatic overlay provisions. These proposed changes will make it much easier for chanceries (an office use) to locate in residential zones, leading to increased traffic, parking and noise in residential neighborhoods and resulting in a dramatic negative effect on the character of such residential neighborhoods.

Specifically, I object to permitting chanceries to locate in any block where the percentage of institutional use is at least 33%. I also object to permitting churches and schools -- permitted to locate in residential zones as of right -- to be included in that percentage calculation. I live in a residential neighborhood with many long-standing religious institutions, and a few of these institutions individually occupy more than 33% of their block. The existence of a single, sizeable religious institution in a residential neighborhood should not mean that chanceries should also be allowed to locate in that block, thereby dismantling the entire residential character of the block.

ANC 3C, which has jurisdiction over my neighborhood, passed Resolution 2014-13 (available at http://anc3c.org/?wpfb_dl=255), which calls for revision of these proposed provisions. I urge the Zoning Commission to make the changes requested by the ANC for the protection of the District's residential neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Respectfully submitted,



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