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To Zoning Commissioners,

My experience with regards to the ZRR is one of disappointment and frustration. As an East of the river resident, mother, grandmother, and ANC commissioner, I witnessed the Office of Planning disregard our concerns and present confusing information despite the number of meetings they claim to have held. These were sheerly proforma meetings to check off the boxes, not about good informative back-and-forth engagement. I witnessed the special direct relationship between the Office of Planning and the Georgetown neighborhood where their ANC received preferential treatment during the ZRR review. My ANC and my neighbors didn't get direct relationship between the Office of Planning and the Georgetown neighborhood where their ANC received preferential treatment during the ZRR review. My ANC and my neighbors didn't get direct and clear communication about how to protect our interests during this serious citywide overhaul of the zoning code, or to develop custom zoning regulations so we can discuss this openly. They had 8-yearsto do this, why didn't we get this treatment and attention?

Instead my neighbors and I are facing down a one-size-fits-all ZRR massive change to our zone districts all of which are being compelled upon us without the Office of Planning or the Zoning Commission providing full information, printed maps, explanation for the changes or rationale vis-à-vis the DC Comprehensive Plan, no findings or scientific substantiation to support these changes, and no protections like that afforded to Georgetown. This has been an unfair process which will have significant adverse impact on me any my community and these changes are not supported by the Comprehensive Plan. This has been a disappointing process with disappointing results that will challenge the property interests of me and my neighbors. This is unacceptable urban planning in the 21 century, especially in the Nation's Capital. DC'S zoning and planning officials are not setting any example of good planning at all.

Regards,
Commissioner Khadijah Watson