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Subject: The ZRR is Unacceptable

To City Officials,

I find the ZRR to be completely unacceptable in its assignment of exclusivity in the Downtown District, as well in other parts of the City, especially at a time when the nation's capital is experiencing an affordable housing crisis.

I want planning officials to eliminate all current and proposed zoning rules in the District which * exempt * developers from the requirement to build low- and moderate-income housing in any parts of the City, including the Downtown District.

These effectively racist-classist zoning regulations must be eliminated so that all DC neighborhoods can welcome mixed-income developments that allow for true economic and cultural diversity. Who do you represent on the City Council? Are the developers your constituents? If so, please do as they say. But if not, I urge you to listen to your true constituents: D.C. residents of all incomes - including lower and middle income residents threatened by forced evictions and raising rent prices.

Further, 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. This must change now, and the ZRR ought to be translated and time offered to allow all DC residents to comment.

This is for the record in ZC Case No. 08-06a, and all inter-related cases.

I look forward to action on this. I would expect that the Council listen to the thousands of D.C. residents who deserve a fair zoning procedure that does not favor the elite developers that are taking over the city.

Regards,
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