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Mr. Anthony Hood, Chair
DC Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210-S
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Dear Chairman Hood:

The Committee of 100 on the Federal City (C100) has been intimately involved in the Zoning Regulation Review (ZRR) process since its inception, and has continuously submitted findings and testimony into the record for Case No. 08-06A and B. Following the closure of the record on September 25, 2015, careful review of the comments submitted by the DC Office of Planning have led the C100 to request that the Zoning Commission reopen the record to allow an independent third-party review and evaluation of the ZRR text prior to any final actions being taken by the Zoning Commission. This would provide all stakeholders – DC residents, law firms, builders, ANC's, and the Zoning Commission – with a clear narrative of how the city could change and which parts of the city might see the most change.

In discussions on the ZRR, the Chair of the Zoning Commission has often suggested that an independent third party reader be appointed. The C100 supports the Chair's suggestion and requests that the record be reopened to permit such action. In addition, C100 strongly encourages the Chair to seek funding for this undertaking from the DC Council to allow an institution of the caliber of the Brookings Institution, the Urban Institute or the Pew Research Center to undertake this necessary objective and independent review of the ZRR document as compared to the existing zoning regulations and Comprehensive Plan land use policies.

The C100 is of the opinion that this independent review will provide the Zoning Commission and the residents of the District of Columbia with an objective and

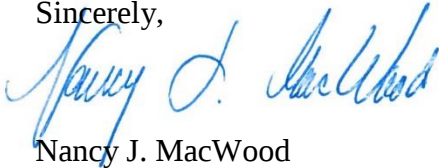
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holistic preview of the effect of new zoning laws. And, importantly, it would provide clarity about the thousands of decisions made by the Zoning Commission on ZRR and give you an independent and objective layer of information to weigh final decisions that will affect the city for the next century..

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nancy J. MacWood". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nancy" being more prominent.

Nancy J. MacWood
Chair