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As a "baby" commissioner on February 13, 2013, attending my second meeting I approved by unanimous decision a Resolution on the part of ANC3B regarding the changes to the Zoning Laws. At the time the discussion was only among the 5 persons making up the ANC3B Commission. Since that time and during the past eleven months I have been working among my constituents and I have discovered how important it is not to think that I am the "decider" on their behalf, but that I bring back to our ANC their concerns and encourage them to engage in open public discussion. This did not happen before we voted on that resolution. We engaged in a flurry of emails among ourselves and reported out our decision to the public and then we approved the resolution to accept the changes.

I know that my chairperson will testify that our position has not changed and the Resolution as signed stands; however, this is no longer my position since I had not consulted with the people I represent and we only looked at the very narrow issues pertaining to our ANC3B which is mostly private homes, multi-unit buildings and a very small commercial strip. So the other issues in the Zoning changes were never looked at nor addressed by us.

Now that other ANC's are seeking more time and I feel that we should not rush to sign into law the Zoning changes proposed until the other ANC's, especially for those whose areas of the city have more complex issues and those East of the river have ample opportunity to understand how the changes in the Zoning will impact them. I also think that we, too, in ANC3B should take a closer look at all the changes because we are not an enclave but belong to the wider city as well.

As a nation we are now experiencing all the unintended consequences of a law that was rushed through without enough study and input from concerned parties. Let's learn from that experience and not repeat it. Time is not the enemy.

Another thought I had is that with Height Master Plan which could possibly be enacted in the near future should we not wait to see what impact that would have on our Zoning Laws. I feel a postponement with allow for the Height Master

Plan to come to a conclusion and at the same time give those persons who need it more time to study the Zoning Changes. Thank You

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