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ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 5B'S RESOLUTION ABOUT THE DC ZONING REWRITE PROCESS

Dear Director Tregoning, Chairman Hood and Chairman Mendelson:

At its regular monthly community meeting held October 23, 2013, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5B ("ANC 5B" or "the Commission") considered the above-referenced Resolution about the D.C. Zoning Rewrite Process.

With four of the four current commissioners present at this duly noticed, public meeting, a quorum was declared wherein ANC 5B voted unanimously (4-0) to submit comments about the *D.C. Zoning Rewrite Process*.

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia office of Planning (OP) started their planning for the Zoning Rewrite process several years ago; and

WHEREAS, OP delivered what was to be their final draft of their amended zoning regulations to the Office of Zoning (OZ) on July 29, 2013; and

WHEREAS, OP has since made revisions to those "final" draft amendments; and

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WHEREAS, on September 9, 2013, the DC Zoning Commission set-down OP's final draft regulations for City-wide public hearings, public review, and public comment; and

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2013, OP announced publicly that they have finally provided printed-versions of the final draft regulations, more than 1000 pages in length, at all public libraries; and

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2013, OP announced that they have finally provided OZ what they call "cross walks" which helps the public relate current regulations to their corresponding draft amended regulations; and

WHEREAS, the public and ANC's are expected to give feedback and provide testimony s such to the Zoning Commission by the end of October 2013 and at hearings in early November 2013

WE RESOLVE TO SUBMIT OUR SERIOUS CONCERN that the Zoning Rewrite process has not and does not allow for meaningful public participation and review of the draft regulations; and

WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THE ZONING COMMISSION to postpone any decision-making or rulemaking, and keep the record completely open regarding the Zoning Rewrite process for at least 180 days; and

WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THE OFFICE OF PLANNING to visit our community for one, or more as needed, public community meetings to discuss the impacts of their draft regulations and their specific impacts to our neighborhood, so we can understand the full scope of the amendments to provide informed feedback to the Zoning Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 5B approved the foregoing *Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5B's Resolution about the DC Zoning Rewrite Process*.

ANC 5B requests "great weight" from D.C. Zoning and D.C. Office of Planning be accorded the foregoing ANC 5B Resolution.

Sincerely,

/s/

Shirley Rivens Smith
Chairperson, ANC 5B

/s/

Ursula Higgins
Correspondence Secretary, ANC 5B