

February 12, 2014

D C Zoning Commission
D C Office of Planning
Zoning Hearing Case # ZRR 08-06A

Good evening,

My name is Holly Muhammad. I am an ANC Commissioner in Commission 8A, SMD 8A01. I am here tonight to testify on behalf of my Single Member District only.

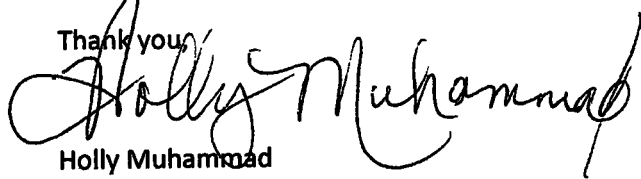
After reviewing part of the Zoning Document ZRR 08-06A, listening to feedback from my constituents and other residents and meeting with the Office of Planning I am not prepared to offer testimony on the subtitles in the Re-write.

During the Ward 8 meeting that the Office of Planning had with the Ward 8 ANC Commissioners, Jennifer Steingasser, the Deputy Director, stated that the ZRR 08-06A was written with younger single residents in mind and that we have had an influx of younger residents. Well Ward 8 has young residents, but our Ward consist of young residents with families. We also have a large number of senior residents and we have everything in between. This Zoning Re-write was not written with the vision or compassion of the OneCity motto that we have adopted under Mayor Vincent Gray.

We discussed, parking, new development, the conversion of residential row houses into corner stores and none of what we discussed is tailored specifically to Ward 8. I believe that this Zoning Re-write needs to be revisited and tailored Ward specific. With the resignation of Director Tregoning, I believe that anyone of like mind needs to follow.

With that said, I call for a moratorium on moving forward with the adoption of any regulations in the ZRR 08-06A until we have a new Director of Planning in place that will review this Re-write, meet with the Wards regarding the specifics of each, and that will consider all of the different social and economic statuses in our city and all of the residents of the District of Columbia in a project that once adopted will affect the lives of all whom live here.

Thank you,



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