

so there should be a clear and streamlined process for its consideration.

3. Section X400.5 should be eliminated. All zoning involves some diminution of property rights, but if the proposed new zone has the support required by X400.6, it should not be rejected simply because someone claims that the diminution is “undue”.

4. Section X400.6(a) should be modified to:

(a) More clearly establish the degree of support required from property owners in the proposed new zone. Unanimous support of the property owners is too much to require or expect for any proposal, but opposition by a significant minority, perhaps 20%, of the property owners in the neighborhood probably should be sufficient to block approval of the new zone.

(b) Eliminate the implied requirement for support from all relevant civic, community and business groups, the ANC and the single member district representative. The views of all such organizations and individual should be required to be included in the application, and the views of the ANC should be given great weight, but opposition by one or more of such organizations or individual should not prevent approval if the proposal has the support of the required super-majority of the affected property owners and their reasons for desiring such a customized zone are persuasive.

5. Section X400.7 should be eliminated. The opposition of a property owner whose rights are being curtailed should be given

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