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Re: District Zoning Review Schedule: Uptown Arts Overlay ("ARTS") District

Dear Ms. Trengoning:

I am writing to request that the Office of Planning ("OP") adjust its schedule for the zoning review of the Uptown Arts Overlay Zoning District in order to accommodate community input through ANC 2F. Our community considers the Zoning Review issues affecting the ARTS district to be of the utmost importance to the future of our neighborhood. Twenty years ago our residents and businesses played the lead role in instigating the establishment of the ARTS district. Our community has strong feelings about having adequate and reasonable opportunity to be heard from now that OP and the DC Zoning Commission are reviewing the ARTS District.

This month, ANC2F established an Arts Overlay Review Committee to examine the Arts Overlay zoning regulations, with particular attention to the current 25 percent limitation on eating and drinking establishments along the 14th and U Streets corridors. The purpose of our review committee, which comprises both residents and businesses (including non-liquor-licensed businesses, a liquor-licensed business and a prominent DC property developer) is to allow a wide discussion by community groups, businesses, licensees, residents and other stakeholders in our neighborhood of the issues concerning this and other provisions contained in the Arts Overlay regulations.

Due to pre-existing commitments our committee will begin its work on June 9, 2009, and given the logistics/timing involved in reaching out to the monthly meetings of various neighborhood and business groups, it will take time to complete the outreach efforts we consider necessary to ensure that all interested parties have an opportunity to input into this review process. It is intended that the committee will hold its outreach meetings during June and July, and will provide its report to ANC 2F by the end of August. Thus, ANC2F will be able to

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forward its report and recommendations on these issues concerning the Arts District to OP and its Zoning Taskforce by Monday, September 7, 2009.

I understand that OP's current proposed timetable to complete its Commercial Corridors Working Group meetings (which include consideration of the ARTS Overlay District) is June 17, 2009, with preliminary report expected to go from OP/Zoning Review Taskforce to the DC Zoning Commission some time in July/August 2009 and the Zoning Commission expected to meet to discuss Commercial Corridor issues some time in September 2009.

In order for an opportunity for full and fair input from our community to be received by OP, the Taskforce and the DC Zoning Commission, we urge you to *adjust OP's schedule (and to request the DC Zoning Commission to adjust its schedule) on this issue to accommodate our community's report to you on this matter of September 7, 2009.*

Finally, I would like to express my appreciation for your staff's offer to attend the June 9 meeting of our Arts Overlay Review Committee to brief our committee on the status of the Commercial Corridors' Working Group's deliberations at that time as they affect the ARTS district.

Sincerely yours,

Charles D. Reed

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Chairman, ANC2F

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