

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing you today as a troubled DC resident who has questions and concerns about the proposal the Office of Planning is trying to implement regarding the down zoning of the R4 residential district.

I received a letter from an outreach organization highlighting the points of this proposal and am very concerned, not only by these points, but also at the fact that this is the first time I am hearing about this. Neither my ANC, here in the Petworth neighborhood, nor my counsel member have discussed these issues publically nor reached out to any of my neighbors regarding, what could be, an impediment on my property rights!

I was born and raised in this city in Ward 1. I attended public school in this city. I came back after college and Pharmacy School to start a life as an adult in this city. I saved a lot of money to purchase a home in Petworth over a year ago and am a local Pharmacist here in the same community. I have questions about this proposal because there has been no education regarding this. Will the value of my home decrease due to the lack of flexibility on my land going forward? Will I lose the ability to increase the size of my home as I start my own family (my house isn't very big)? These are big issues that need to be discussed not only with politicians and zoning officials behind closed doors, but with the actual community members who will be affected by these changes directly.

Before any changes are made, the community needs to be informed on both sides of this proposal. I want to know the negatives and the positives from my city officials before anything is decided. I want to see data that represents this. I want to know that my politicians care to keep their citizens informed and educated. And then I want what's best for the community collectively to take place.

I hope my voice is heard.

Sincerely,

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