

**THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ZONING COMMISSION
ZONING CASE 16-11**

**MOTION ASKING ZONING COMMISSION TO ACT FROM:
*PARK MORTON RESIDENTS COUNCIL***

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**EMERGENCY MOTION TO EXTEND TIME TO FILE COMMENTS
AND REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING**

On June 25, 2020, the DC Court of Appeals vacated Zoning Order 16-11.

Then four days later, on June 29, 2020, the Zoning Commission held a meeting and later issued a decision discussing next steps and the way the remand case will proceed. A key date that was set was July 31, 2020 when comments are due from all parties.

The Council at Park Morton is a party to this case. The Council at Park Morton would like to file comments. The Council at Park Morton asks more time be granted as we received this notice from the Commission late, we were not able to readily participate in the ANC discussions around the remand issues and process, and are unduly burdened by the pandemic at this time.

Thus, according to 11 DCMR Z-403.7 and Z-407, we ask the Commission to grant this motion. We have served all other parties to this case and no consent was received as we've had to file this hastily.

Park Morton Residents Unduly Burdened by the Pandemic

Fact: The Council at Park Morton largely consists of working Black women with children who are considered under the poverty line. This demographic as you all may be aware is being hit the hardest during this pandemic, and dying at alarming rates. On top of this, the DC Housing Authority is actively threatening us all with eviction, either steadily displacing our residents or harassing us while we remain.

Fact: The Zoning Commission sent an email of the June 29, 2020 notice in a way that only gives us about three weeks time to respond in the context of the above mentioned delicate

circumstances. A notice was sent to our group email account on July 3, 2020. It wasn't accessed until after the holiday break when the President returned to the office on July 7, 2020.

The Council at Park Morton asks the Commission to grant us time to file our comments given the aforementioned burdens on us as a party. We want to and are expected to file comments, including motions and objections on behalf of our people.

The Commission and OAG should see the good cause here in accounting for our predicament as working people and families of color who are disproportionately affected by the ongoing horrid pandemic ravaging the nation and our city.

We conclude by asking the Commission with humble hearts to grant us more time to participate and to grant a public hearing to air these issues out we presume virtually before the public in a transparent way.

Sincerely,

s/n

Ms. Shonta' High, President