



MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

April 1, 2019

Anthony J. Hood
Chairman
DC Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200S
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Zoning Regulation Text Amendment for Community Renewable Energy Facilities

Dear Chairman Hood:

As Mayor of the District of Columbia, I am writing in support of the Office of Planning's proposed text amendments in Case 19-04 to Subtitles B, C, H, K, and U of Title 11 DCMR (Zoning Regulations of 2016).

Climate change is here. While the District of Columbia is already taking steps to prepare for the impacts of climate change, it is critically important that we also reduce our own contribution to the greenhouse gas emissions that cause climate change.

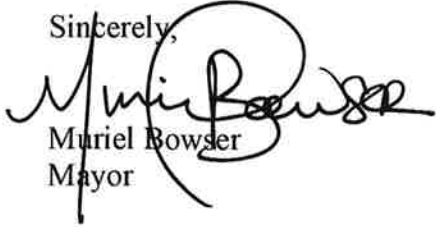
The Clean Energy DC Omnibus Amendment Act of 2018 codified the District as the nation's preeminent leader in clean energy and climate action by setting a mandate of 100% renewable electricity by the year 2032. This historic piece of legislation bolsters our Clean Energy DC plan, which includes 57 action items for how the District will reach this ambitious target.

Specifically, clarifying the zoning regulations with respect to Community Renewable Energy Facilities (CREF) would support the District's energy goals, including, but not limited to:

- Ensure that 100 percent of the electricity sold in the District comes from renewable sources.
- Double the required amount of solar energy deployed in the District.
- Make significant improvements to the energy efficiency of existing buildings.
- Build and support commercial and residential renewable energy projects sufficient to achieve at least 5 percent of citywide electricity from local generation.

If we are going to make progress on addressing climate change and global warming in our country, it's going to be cities and states leading the way. This text amendment will help to ensure that the District remains a model for sustainability for jurisdictions across the nation to follow.

Sincerely,

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Muriel Bowser
Mayor