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Comment on Case # ZC 23-02

January 17, 2024

To Chairman Hood and Members of the Zoning Commission,

As I have stated in prior testimony to the Commission, I strongly believe that Councilmembers should not be closely involved in deliberation on zoning decisions except in very narrow circumstances that directly relate to the Council's role in land use, which is limited to the amendment and approval of the Comprehensive Plan.

Pursuant to Section 712 of the Home Rule Act, I do not believe it is appropriate at this time for me or Council to be personally convening meetings that run parallel to the Zoning Commission's hearings; I am looking forward to engaging on the future of this site with residents in the steps that come after zoning consideration, with the full knowledge that zoning alone cannot effectuate all of the Comprehensive Plan's goals. However, because this is a public site, the map amendment application was submitted by the District Government, and the Commission's consideration involves recent amendments to the Comprehensive Plan in which I participated, this case aligns with prior occasions when I have elected to submit comment (See ZC 16-11, [Exhibit #345](#), submitted 10/18/2021).

I drafted and moved the amendments to the Comprehensive Plan that resulted in the Council's approval of Future Land Use Map Amendment 8050 and the addition of Mid-City Element Policy MC-2.3.7, "Use of Public Sites".¹ I believe that the map amendment and reports submitted by the Office of Planning – along with the corresponding text amendment on setback requirements (ZC 23-26) – reflect the intent of that amendment, without qualifications.

For further information, please refer to <https://brianneknadeau.com/1617-u-faq>.

Sincerely,

Brianne K. Nadeau
Councilmember, Ward 1

¹ Amendment text can be found at: <https://lms.dccouncil.gov/downloads/LIMS/46201/Meeting1/Amendment/Amendment2.pdf?Id=122145>