

Strong Opposition to Zoning Case 24-11

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Dear Chairperson Hood and Members of the Zoning Commission,

As a resident of ANC 5C, I am writing to state my unequivocal opposition to the proposed map amendment in Zoning Case 24-11. This proposal is not only misguided—it is completely unacceptable.

At a time when Washington, D.C. faces an escalating housing crisis, it is unconscionable to consider a measure that would permanently eliminate the potential for thousands of new homes, including desperately needed affordable units, on a transit-accessible corridor along New York Avenue NE.

This area is one of the few remaining places in our community where meaningful housing growth can occur—close to jobs, schools, and reliable public transit. Stripping it of that potential undermines both common sense and the District's long-term goals for equitable development.

Approving this amendment would send a disastrous message: that the city is willing to sacrifice housing opportunity and mixed-use growth for shortsighted or exclusionary interests. It would erase critical housing capacity and create a precedent that could choke off development potential all along the New York Avenue corridor.

I strongly urge the Commission to reject this amendment in its entirety and instead reaffirm its commitment to the Comprehensive Plan's core principles—expanding housing opportunities, promoting inclusive growth, and ensuring every neighborhood contributes to solving the District's housing challenges.

Frankly, no one should have to thank the Commission for doing what's right—upholding its duty to protect the city's future and ensure our community continues to thrive.

Sincerely, Alberto Dominguez Fort Lincoln, NE ANC 5C Resident