
Support ZC 25-13: Upzone Wisconsin Ave. from Friendship Heights to south of Tenleytown for more homes

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Dear Chairman Anthony Hood,

As a lifelong DMV native and frequent transit user, I urge the Zoning Commission to approve the proposed rezoning of Wisconsin Avenue, Zoning Case 25-13. The proposed rezoning would greatly expand the opportunity to build more housing in this high opportunity area, at two Metro stations and along a major bus corridor.

The rezoning implements the Wisconsin Avenue Development Framework, which is intended to create as many as 9,500 new homes, including the potential for 1,700 affordable homes. This increased housing offers important benefits – much needed homes for families and individuals, affordable housing, and the opportunity to live in a walkable, transit-accessible community and reduce our climate emissions.

The zoning changes include important design guidance to support a walkable environment; and require mid-block connections to break up overly long blocks to create a more intimate and pedestrian-friendly experience. Moving forward, it would be helpful to strengthen this guidance using additional national best practices.

Increased mixed-use, walkable places with more housing, along with design guidance for public spaces and transitions, will help bring new vitality to this area, and help DC achieve its vision for a more equitable and sustainable community.

Zoning changes like these help ensure young people like myself, a senior in civil engineering at UMD, can find an affordable place to live that's in the city I love. Please keep making updates like these so everyone has an affordable and vibrant community to live in.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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