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By FAX

Mr. Anthony Hood, Chairman
D.C. Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW 2nd Floor
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RE: Short Term Rentals

Dear Chairman Hood:

Last October 17th, all 13 members of the Council sent a letter “regarding the urgent need to update the Zoning Regulations” to reflect the widespread presence of thousands of short term rental units in residential zones throughout the District. The letter – again, signed by *all* Councilmembers – stated, in part:

It is imperative – both to the city's finances and the need for a viable regulatory scheme, that the Zoning Regulations be revised. Accordingly, we request that the Zoning Commission initiate a text case, as well as emergency rulemaking, to permit homesharing.

Now, almost six months later, a case has yet to be initiated. I am truly grateful that within days of the councilmembers’ letter the Zoning Commission held a special meeting to discuss the matter. At that meeting, the Zoning Commission requested that the Office of Planning undertake an analysis and provide a report.

While I believe the Zoning Commission has been responsive, this issue has to move forward. I am writing now to request that at tonight’s regular public meeting the Zoning Commission insist that the Office of Planning submit its analysis by a date certain. At OP’s budget hearing before the Council’s Committee of the Whole last month, Director Trueblood indicated the report might be submitted this month. Please insist on this as a commitment.

Sincerely,

Phil Mendelson

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