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**Subject:** Zoning Rewrite: Translation & Time

Dear City Officials,

I testified before the zoning Rewrite issue some time ago. It is important to note that zoning regulations are not written for the benefit of the commission, nor for the developers, but for the citizens of the District. Maximum Best Use ... does not mean maximum density but BEST USE.

I understand the Zoning Regulation Rewrite document was published in May in the DC Register. I also understand it was published in English-only.

I also understand that on Monday Sept. 21 the Zoning Commission has set time to rule on the request for an extension of time and a translation of the ZRR.

I encourage you to indeed support access to the ZRR for ALL residents in EVERY neighborhood.

It's important that:

- \* The entire ZRR document, and all zoning language therein be translated into Spanish and other languages spoken in DC by residents of DC who will be directly affected by the changes in the zoning code.
- \* The deadline for comment on the ZRR be extended at least four to six months for all residents -- even those who may have already participated and those who may want to now participate but because of language barriers have so far been unable to do so.
- \* The DC Office of Planning be directed to target limited-English speaking neighborhoods, and collaborate with leaders in those communities to conduct workshops and forums explaining the ZRR.

The ZRR is far too an important civic document to prevent all residents from commenting on.

Please undertake these steps to be truly inclusive in the planning for the future of the District of Columbia. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,  
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