

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Zoning Commission



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Re: Z.C. Case No. 21-09 (US Union Square DC 899 LLC, US Union Square DC 901 LLC, & US Union Square DC 999 LLC – Design Review @ Sq. 675, Lot 298 (899 & 999 N. Capitol Street, N.E.))

Dear ANC Chairs & ANC/SMD Commissioner:

Please find attached the public hearing notice for the above referenced project. Pursuant to Subtitle Z § 406.3, if your ANC wishes to participate in the hearing, then its written report must be received at least seven days in advance of the public hearing. The report must contain the information required by Subtitle Z § 406.2, which is included at the bottom of this letter. That information is also included in Form 129 – Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) Report, which is attached for your convenience and is the preferred mechanism to complete your report. Any written report received prior to the date of a Commission meeting to consider final action will be given “great weight.”

Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 1-309.10(d)(2), the Zoning Commission must wait 30 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays before it can make its decision on this application.

Great weight does not mean that the Zoning Commission must defer to an ANC’s view, but instead requires acknowledgement of the ANC as the source of the recommendations and explicit reference to each of the ANC’s issues and concerns. It is therefore important that the written report not only indicate whether the ANC supports or opposes the application, but that it also identify each issue and concern that led to the recommendation made.

If your ANC has not received a courtesy copy of the application from the Applicant, please notify us so we can assist you in obtaining a copy. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 727-6311.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sharon S. Schellin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sharon S. Schellin
Secretary to the Zoning Commission
Attachment

406.2

The Commission shall give "great weight" to the written report of the ANC(s), pursuant to § 3 of the Comprehensive Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Reform Amendment Act of 2000, as amended, that is received at any time prior to the date of a Commission meeting to consider final action including any continuation thereof on the application. All written reports shall contain the following:

- (a) The case name and number;
- (b) The date the public meeting of the ANC to consider the application occurred;
- (c) A statement that proper notice of that public meeting was given by the ANC;
- (d) The number of members of the ANC that constitute a quorum and the number of members present at the public meeting;
- (e) The issues and concerns of the ANC about the application, as related to the standards against which the application shall be judged;
- (f) The recommendation, if any, of the ANC as to the disposition of the application;
- (g) The outcome of the vote on the motion to adopt the report to the Commission;
- (h) The name of the person who is authorized by the ANC to present the report; and
- (i) The signature of the ANC Chairperson or Vice Chairperson.



**BEFORE THE ZONING COMMISSION AND
BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**



FORM 129 – ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION (ANC) REPORT

Before completing this form, please review the instructions on the reverse side.

Pursuant to Subtitle Z § 406.2 and Subtitle Y § 406.2 of Title 11 DCMR Zoning Regulations, the written report of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) shall contain the following information:

IDENTIFICATION OF APPEAL, PETITION, OR APPLICATION:

Case No.:		Case Name:	
Address or Square/Lot(s) of Property:			
Relief Requested:			

ANC MEETING INFORMATION

Date of ANC Public Meeting:	D	D	/	M	M	/	Y	Y	Was proper notice given?:	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Description of how notice was given:														
Number of members that constitutes a quorum:		Number of members present at the meeting:												

MATERIAL SUBSTANCE

The issues and concerns of the ANC about the appeal, petition, or application as related to the standards of the Zoning Regulations against which the appeal, petition, or application must be judged (*a separate sheet of paper may be used*):

The recommendation, if any, of the ANC as to the disposition of the appeal, petition, or application (*a separate sheet of paper may be used*):

AUTHORIZATION

ANC		Recorded vote on the motion to adopt the report (i.e. 4-1-1):	
Name of the person authorized by the ANC to present the report:			
Name of the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson authorized to sign the report:			
Signature of Chairperson/ Vice-Chairperson:		Date:	

ANY APPLICATION THAT IS FOUND TO BE INCOMPLETE MAY NOT BE ACCORDED "GREAT WEIGHT" PURSUANT TO 11 DCMR SUBTITLE Z § 406 AND SUBTITLE Y § 406.

INSTRUCTIONS

Pursuant to 11 DCMR Subtitle Z § 406.2 and Subtitle Y § 406.2, the Zoning Commission (ZC) and Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) shall give “*great weight*” to the written report of the affected Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC), as required by the Comprehensive Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Reform Amendment Act of 2000.

1. All ANC reports shall be made pursuant to this form. If additional space is necessary, use separate sheets of 8½" x 11" paper to complete the form.
2. ANC reports and any accompanying documents must be submitted to the record by using:
 - a. The Interactive Zoning Information System (IZIS) at www.dcoz.dc.gov;
 - b. By email to zcsubmissions@dc.gov for the ZC or bzsubmissions@dc.gov for the BZA; or
 - c. In person or by U.S. mail addressed to 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200-S, Washington, DC 20001.
3. Submission deadlines are as follows:
 - a. ANCs must file this form at least seven (7) calendar days in advance of the hearing, if they wish to participate in a public hearing under Subtitle Z § 406.3 and Subtitle Y § 406.3.
 - b. In all cases before the ZC or BZA, ANCs must file this form before the ZC or BZA makes a decision in order to receive great weight.

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If you need a reasonable accommodation for a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or Fair Housing Act, please complete a Form 155 - Request for Reasonable Accommodation.

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**ZONING COMMISSION FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING**

TIME AND PLACE: **Thursday, September 13, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m.**
**WebEx or Telephone – Instructions will be provided on
the OZ website by Noon of the Hearing Date**

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING:

CASE NO. 21-09 (US Union Square DC 899 LLC, US Union Square DC 901 LLC, and US Union Square DC 999 LLC – Design Review of Buildings and Structures @ Square 675, Lot 298 [899-999 North Capitol Street, N.E.]

THIS CASE IS OF INTEREST TO ANC 6C

Oral and Written Testimony

- All who wish to testify in this case are **strongly encouraged** to sign up to do so **at least 24 hours prior to the start of the hearing** on OZ’s website at <https://dcoz.dc.gov/service/sign-testify> – see below: *How to participate as a witness – oral statements.*
- All written comments and/or testimony **must be submitted to the record at least 24 hours prior to the start of the hearing** – see below: *How to participate as a witness – written statements.*

US Union Square DC 899 LLC, US Union Square DC 901 LLC, and US Union Square DC 999 LLC (collectively, the “Applicant”) filed an application (the “Application”) on May 28, 2021, requesting that the Zoning Commission (the “Commission”) grant the following relief under the Zoning Regulations (Title 11 of the DCMR, Zoning Regulations of 2016, to which all references are made unless otherwise specified) for Lot 298 in Square 675 (the “Property”): a Design Review required by Subtitle I § 617.7, and pursuant to Subtitle I, Chapter 7, to construct a mixed-use development with office, hotel, and retail uses (the “Project”).

THE PROPERTY

The Property consists of approximately 137,579 square feet of land area that is:

- Bounded by North Capitol Street to the west, K Street, N.E. to the north, commercial office buildings to the east, and H Street, N.E. to the south;
- Currently improved with two office buildings, 899 North Capitol Street building (the “South Building”) and 999 North Capitol Street building (the “North Building”) and a large plaza; and
- Located in the D-5 Zone.

THE APPLICATION

The Application proposes to construct the Project in two phases:

Phase I - Renovate the South and North Buildings, including ground-level expansions of both buildings along their street frontages as follows:

- Maintain the existing building heights of 87 feet, eight inches for the South Building and 91 feet, eight inches for the North Building;

- Increase the gross floor area (“GFA”) of both buildings to:
 - 315,517 square feet for the South Building (from 314,350 square feet); and
 - 317,025 square feet for the North Building (from 316,518 square feet); and
- Slightly increase their total floor area ratio (“FAR”) from 4.58 to 4.59.

Phase II – Construct a new mixed-use building on a portion of the Property’s existing plaza with:

- A height of seven stories and 85 feet;
- A total GFA of 96,075 square feet comprised of hotel and ground-floor retail uses; and
- A FAR of approximately 0.70.

The Project is proposed to have:

- A total GFA of 728,617 square feet;
- A total FAR of 5.29;
- A total lot occupancy of approximately 69.6%;
- Approximately 610 vehicular parking spaces (increasing from the existing 591 spaces on the Property);
- Approximately 212 long-term bicycle parking spaces; and
- A total of five loading berths and two service spaces (existing).

This public hearing will be conducted in accordance with the contested case provisions of Subtitle Z, Chapter 4, as well as the text adopted by the Commission on October 15, 2020, in Z.C. Case No. 20-11, as published in the Notice of Final Rulemaking published in the October 30, 2020, *D.C. Register*.

How to participate as a witness – oral presentation

Interested persons or representatives of organizations may be heard at the virtual public hearing. All individuals, organizations, or associations wishing to testify in this case are **strongly encouraged to sign up to testify at least 24 hours prior to the start of the hearing** on OZ’s website at <https://dcoz.dc.gov/service/sign-testify> or by calling Ron Barron at (202) 727-0789 in order to ensure the success of the new virtual public hearing procedures.

The Commission also requests that all witnesses prepare their testimony in writing, submit the written testimony prior to giving statements, and limit oral presentations to summaries of the most important points. The Commission must base its decision on the record before them. Therefore, it is **highly recommended that all written comments and/or testimony be submitted to the record at least 24 hours prior to the start of the hearing**. The following maximum time limits for oral testimony shall be adhered to and no time may be ceded:

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| 1. | Applicant and parties in support | 60 minutes collectively |
| 2. | Parties in opposition | 60 minutes collectively |
| 3. | Organizations | 5 minutes each |
| 4. | Individuals | 3 minutes each |

Pursuant to Subtitle Z § 408.4, the Commission may increase or decrease the time allowed above, in which case, the presiding officer shall ensure reasonable balance in the allocation of time between proponents and opponents.

How to participate as a witness – written statements

Written statements, in lieu of personal appearances or oral presentation, may be submitted for inclusion in the record, provided that **all written comments and/or testimony must be submitted to the record at least 24 hours prior to the start of the hearing, unless approved by the Commission upon request to be introduced at the public hearing.** The public is encouraged to submit written testimony through the Interactive Zoning Information System (IZIS) at <https://app.dcoz.dc.gov/Login.aspx>; however, written statements may also be submitted by e-mail to zcsubmissions@dc.gov. Please include the case number on your submission. If you are unable to use either of these means of submission, please contact Ron Barron at (202) 727-0789 for further assistance.

How to participate as a party.

Any person who desires to participate as a party in this case must so request and must comply with the provisions of Subtitle Z § 404.1.

A party has the right to cross-examine witnesses, to submit proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law, to receive a copy of the written decision of the Commission, and to exercise the other rights of parties as specified in the Zoning Regulations. If you are still unsure of what it means to participate as a party and would like more information on this, please contact OZ at dcoz@dc.gov or at (202) 727-6311.

Except for an affected ANC, any person who desires to participate as a party in this case must clearly demonstrate that the person’s interests would likely be more significantly, distinctly, or uniquely affected by the proposed zoning action than other persons in the general public. Persons seeking party status **shall file with the Commission, not less than 14 days prior to the date set for the hearing, or 14 days prior to a scheduled public meeting if seeking advanced party status consideration, a Form 140 – Party Status Application, a copy of which may be downloaded from OZ’s website at: <https://app.dcoz.dc.gov/Help/Forms.html>.** This form may also be obtained from OZ at the address stated below.

“Great weight” to written report of ANC

Subtitle Z § 406.2 provides that the written report of an affected ANC shall be given great weight if received at any time prior to the date of a Commission meeting to consider final action, including any continuation thereof on the application, and sets forth the information that the report must contain. Pursuant to Subtitle Z § 406.3, an ANC that wishes to participate in the hearing must file a written report at least seven days in advance of the public hearing and provide the name of the person who is authorized by the ANC to represent it at the hearing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, YOU MAY CONTACT THE OFFICE OF ZONING AT (202) 727-6311.

ANTHONY J. HOOD, ROBERT E. MILLER, PETER G. MAY, PETER A. SHAPIRO, AND MICHAEL G. TURNBULL ----- ZONING COMMISSION FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, BY SARA A. BARDIN, DIRECTOR, AND BY SHARON S. SCHELLIN, SECRETARY TO THE ZONING COMMISSION.

Do you need assistance to participate? If you need special accommodations or need language assistance services (translation or interpretation), please contact Zee Hill at (202) 727-0312 or Zelalem.Hill@dc.gov five days in advance of the meeting. These services will be provided free of charge.

¿Necesita ayuda para participar? Si tiene necesidades especiales o si necesita servicios de ayuda en su idioma (de traducción o interpretación), por favor comuníquese con Zee Hill llamando al (202) 727-0312 o escribiendo a Zelalem.Hill@dc.gov cinco días antes de la sesión. Estos servicios serán proporcionados sin costo alguno.

Avez-vous besoin d'assistance pour pouvoir participer? Si vous avez besoin d'aménagements spéciaux ou d'une aide linguistique (traduction ou interprétation), veuillez contacter Zee Hill au (202) 727-0312 ou à Zelalem.Hill@dc.gov cinq jours avant la réunion. Ces services vous seront fournis gratuitement.

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您需要有人帮助参加活动吗?如果您需要特殊便利设施或语言协助服务(翻译或口译)·请在见面之前提前五天与 Zee Hill 联系·电话号码 (202) 727-0312, 电子邮件 Zelalem.Hill@dc.gov 这些是免费提供的服务。

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