

Dear Members of the Zoning Commission:

I strongly support upzoning 1617 U St NW from MU-4 to MU-10, in order to allow higher density development. The District has an urgent need for more housing, especially in amenity-rich transit-accessible neighborhoods like the U St corridor. The parcel in question provides an excellent opportunity to use publicly owned land for development that offers broad public benefits. Building more housing (subsidized, market-rate, or a combination) will help meet the demands of a growing city, provides more customers for local businesses, and adds to the vibrancy of the community--critical for our post-pandemic recovery. Adding housing in infill locations that are well-served by public transit, pedestrian & cycling infrastructure can help meet the District's climate goals, reducing local air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

In short, upzoning 1617 U St NW (and similar parcels) helps make the District a more affordable, vibrant, and climate-friendly city.

Sincerely,

Jenny Schuetz

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