

I strongly support the proposed rezoning of 1617 U St. NW & 1620 V St. NW (Sq. 175, Lots 826 & 827) - from MU-4 to MU-10. This rezoning aligns with the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) approved with the 2021 amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, which identified the site for high-density mixed-use development. The current MU-4 zoning is incongruous with this plan.

I also applaud OP for applying for this change now as time is of the essence in building new housing and the upzoning process can be long and complicated - adding time and money - delaying projects and, at times, causing them to be infeasible all together. We should look to go about upzoning any and all sites that should be upzoned to align with the FLUM and 2021 amendments to the Comp Plan. When it comes to building housing, we really need to put a priority on doing that. Housing is a human right. When we add unnecessary delay, people ultimately will die. The long process, with exhaustive public comments, undertaken to get to the current FLUM and Comp Plan amendments that identified this site for high-density mixed-use development should be respected and this site approved to allow for that to happen.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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