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To the Office of Zoning and Commissioners, with corrections, thanks!

There is a lot about this rezoning that smells of probable wrong doing and it should be looked into. The directive for this upzoning originated in the mayor's office. Recently enough, Mayor Bowser's Chief of Staff, John Falcicchio resigned over abuse of office charges. The primary accusations were of sexual abuse. What should be of concern here was an allegation of trading sex for a real estate deal. Unfortunately, we haven't seen much of an investigation into Mr Falcicchio's alleged malfeasance so we don't really have a good take on its depth or length. Being Chief of Staff he had a lot of power wielded from the same office directing this project

Here is another issue of concern, this time it's the Office of Planning designs for 1617 U St NW. It's my understanding that they have the Police Station under their large apartment building. Nowhere in this country can I find a Police Station under an apartment building for obvious reasons, it's a terrible idea! That makes the Office of Planning either incompetent or deceptive if it's anything else please let me know. What is the urgency to build an oversized apartment and cram it with people like factory farmed chickens? The recent office building failure should have taught the city to be sensible!

How about a focusing on a new Community oriented Police Station? The Fire Station is in good shape and find a way to add sensible affordable housing done by some who is good at it like Jubilee Housing not the DC government, who doesn't have the best history at it.

Land and other natural resources are precious. This is public land, being traded off for the next century. Take care with it, listen to the people you are here to serve. Be transparent, or is this deal being railroaded because you have a developer ready and waiting in the wings? Are we or are we not a Pay to Play City?

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