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For the Office of Zoning staff: These comments are for the public record in ZC Case No. 23-02. And, I ask that the Secretary to sign me up to testify in opposition to the rezoning application in this case.

My comments:

To the DC Zoning Commission,

I ask the Commission to vote no or postpone this rezoning application.

The recent OP report saying they may come back later with some other text amendments to attenuate their blowout MU10 rezoning application furthers the disrespect and lack of community involvement in this whole process.

Not the applicant OP, not DMPED, not the Mayor, not the Ward Councilmembers -- none of these city officials pushing the zoning change at 1617 U Street has hosted a 1617 U Street specific meeting to discuss upzoning, zoning definitions, the planning jargon, any implications to these proposed changes, or any evaluations of impacts by the zoning change on the community at all. These city officials have failed transparent, community-first dialog and discussion about one of the biggest zoning amendments in the history of the area. This is absolutely unacceptable.

Rezoning the entire site to a zone district not found anywhere in the vicinity (or for that matter in the entire neighborhood) will have profound implications on the future of my neighborhood as it will start the precedent to rezone more and more of the area to high-density zoning.

Rezoning this site to high-density will precipitate the construction of high-density luxury apartments, hundreds of them. The Office of Planning report shows no good-faith effort to understand the long lasting inter-related adverse impacts their proposal will have on me and my community.

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Please postpone and ask OP to work with us, not against us.

Thank you.
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