

Black Neighbors Party Presentation

1617 U St. Zoning Hearing

Case No. 23-02



ZONING COMMISSION
District of Columbia
CASE NO.23-02
EXHIBIT NO.608

Case 23-02 and Racial Equity

- “Equity is conveyed throughout the Comprehensive Plan, particularly in the context of zoning, where the provision of affordable housing, avoiding displacement of existing residents, and creating access to opportunity are priorities.” (ZC Racial Equity Tool, p. 1).
- “Equity is achieved by targeted actions and investments to meet residents where they are...” (ZC Racial Equity Tool, p. 1).

Black Displacement on U St. NW

- Census tract where 1617 U St. sits is only about 3% black.
- In 1990, one thousand Black people lived in the U St. area, compared to only about 100 Black people today.
- Displacement of black families in this area has historical roots.
 - IE, [Meridian Hill Park](#)
- Due to structural racism & income gaps, Black residents today would not be able to live at 1617 U due to the high costs of even the touted “affordable housing” in DC.



15th St. side of upper Meridian Hill Park, 1925. Until 1912 houses stood where the benches are located. (Historical Society of Washington, D.C.)

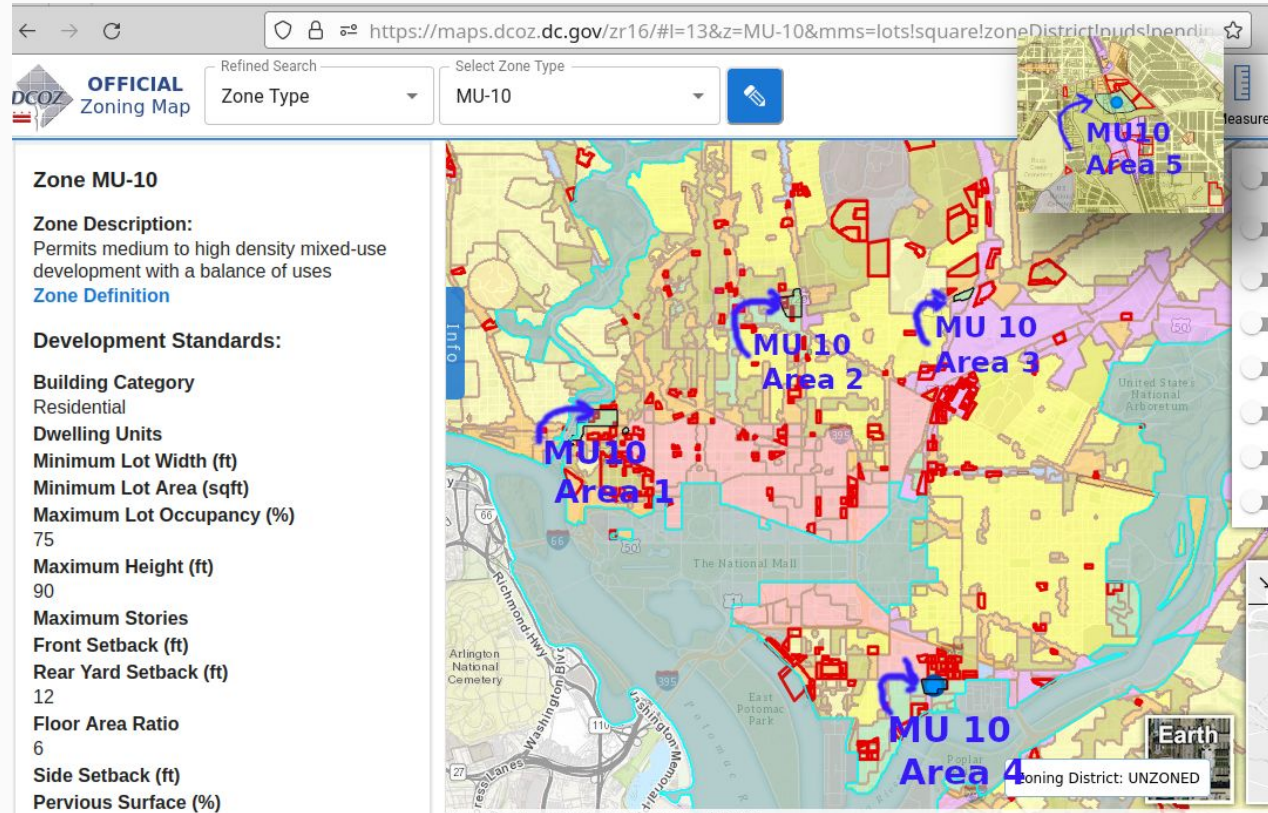
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Black Displacement In & Around Other MU10 Zones in D.C.

There are only 5 areas in DC zoned MU10

- West End near 24th & M Sts. NW
- Navy Yard
- LeDroit Park at 8th & V Streets NW
- Area East of Eckington
- Area Near Fort Totten



MU-10 Architectural Renderings



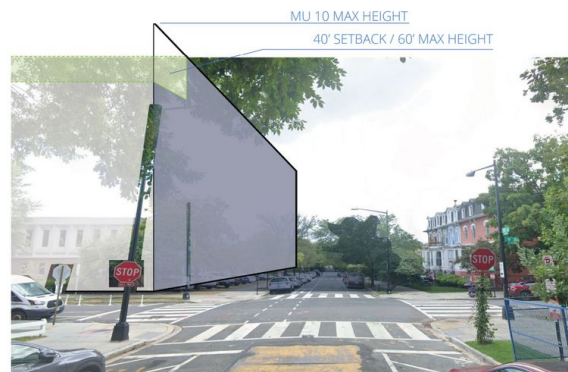
U STREET FACING EAST



U STREET FACING NORTH



ISOMETRIC VIEW



V STREET FACING SOUTH

Social Housing

- [Green New Deal for Housing Amendment Act of 2023 B25-0191](#) introduced by CMs Janeese [Lewis George](#), Brianne [Nadeau](#), Brooke [Pinto](#), Anita [Bonds](#), [Robert White](#), [Trayon White](#), and Charles [Allen](#).
- At least 60% would be two-bedroom or more units.
- At least 30% of units would be affordable for households earning less than 30% of Area Median Income (Extremely low income), and another 30% for households earning less than 50% of Area Median Income (Very low income).
- Low-income tenants never pay more [than](#) 30% of their income on housing costs.