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ZONING COMMISSION

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REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

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THURSDAY

JUNE 26, 2025

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The Public Meeting of the District of Columbia Zoning Commission convened via teleconference, pursuant to notice at 4:00 p.m. EDT, Anthony J. Hood, Chairperson, presiding.

### ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

ANTHONY J. HOOD, Chairperson ROBERT E. MILLER, Vice Chair JOSEPH IMAMURA, Commissioner GWEN WRIGHT, Commissioner

OFFICE OF ZONING STAFF PRESENT:

PAUL YOUNG, Zoning Data Specialist SHARON S. SCHELLIN, Secretary

OFFICE OF ZONING LEGAL DIVISION STAFF PRESENT:

JACOB RITTING, Esquire

OFFICE OF PLANNING STAFF PRESENT:

JENNIFER STEINGASSER MAXINE BROWN-ROBERTS

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## T-A-B-L-E O-F C-O-N-T-E-N-T-S

Case No. 22-06A 801 Maine Avenue NBL Owner, LLC
Case No. 24-10 Office of Planning
Case No. 24-16 MR 1401 15th Street Retail, LLC
Case No. 25-09 Office of Planning

#### P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

2 (4:00 p.m.)

CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. We are convening and broadcasting this public meeting by videoconferencing. My name is Anthony Hood, and I'm joined by Vice Chair Miller, Commissioner Wright, and Commissioner Imamura; also joined by the Office of Zoning staff, Secretary, Ms. Sharon Schellin, and Mr. Paul Young, who will be handling all of our virtual operations, and our Office of Zoning Legal Division, Mr. Jacob Ritting. I will ask all others to introduce themselves at the appropriate time.

Copies of today's meeting agenda are available on the Office of Zoning's website. Please be advised that this proceeding is being recorded by a court reporter and is also webcast live via Webex and YouTube Live. The video will be available on the Office of Zoning's website after the meeting. According to all those -- accordingly, all those listening on Webex or by phone will be muted during the hearing. For hearing action items, the only documents before us this evening are the application, the ANC setdown report, and the Office of Planning report. All other documents in the record will be reviewed at the time of the hearing. We do not take any public testimony at our meetings, unless the Commission requests something otherwise.

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202-727-0789 for Webex log-in or call-in instructions. At this time, the Commission will consider any preliminary matters. Ms. Schellin, do we have any preliminary matters?

MS. SCHELLIN: No, sir.

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CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. No preliminary matters. And I believe we're going to go in the order of the agenda, as printed. One moment. Okay. This is a case, modification without hearing, Zoning Commission Case Number 22-06A, 801 Maine Avenue NBL Owner, LLC, PUD Modification without hearing at Square 390. Ms. Schellin.

MS. SCHELLIN: Okay. My computer has decided to lock up, so just give me one second. There we go. So, for this case, as you stated, it is a modification without hearing, where the applicant is requesting a modification to their previously approved PUD to modify their plans to add flexibility to allow the relocation of the entrances to the underground parking garage and loading facility, and to modify Decision Number E.3.b., and that's to allow residential units to be offered either as rental or for sale, with IZ availability levels at up to 60 percent MFI for rental units, and up to 80 percent MFI for for-sale units.

We have an OP report at Exhibit 5 in the record. They recommend approval. ANC 6D and the other party, Capitol Square Homeowner's Association, have not filed a response as of today, and the requisite time period has elapsed, so the Commission can proceed with final action, if they choose to do so. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Thank you, Ms. Schellin. Let me
just echo and add on to what Ms. Schellin's already pretty much
mentioned. Again, colleagues, what we have in front of us, as
the applicant's presented, it's a to modify the floor plans
for the parking garage levels, ground floor and first floor of
the project; add flexibility to allow the relocation of entrances
to the project's underground parking garage and loading
facilities, and they go into explanation; and then to modify
Decision E.3.b. to allow the residential units to be offered as
either rental or for sale and to establish affordability levels
for the inclusionary zoning units at up to 60 percent MFI for
rental units and up to 80 percent MFI for ownership units, in
accordance with Subtitle Z-1003.7. These are some of the requests
the applicant has proffered back to us.

I don't -- let me just say, I don't believe that this is anything major, especially the design changes to move it around. I will be moving forward -- first of all, does anyone believe that this should come off -- before I should have said all that, but does anyone believe this should come off as a modification without hearing?

(All other Commissioners shake head no.)

CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. So, with that, I'm going to go to Commissioner Imamura first, and then we'll go to Commissioner Wright, and then Vice Chair Miller, in that order.

COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm

in agreement with everything that you stated, and I just want to underscore that that the modification -- or Modifying Decision Number E.3.b. does not affect the total number of IZ units, so I just want to put that on the record (indiscernible). And in terms of the -- modifying the floor plans for the parking garage levels, ground floor level and the first floor of the project, that's pretty straightforward, so I have nothing further to add.

CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Thank you. Commissioner Wright.

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COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: Thank you. I agree with what's been said. I think this is pretty straightforward. The architectural changes are very minor. I think the fact that it might end up being a for-sale project is actually great, because it would be exciting to have this number of for-sale IZ units. And I am in support of the modifications.

CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Thank you. Vice Chair Miller.

VICE CHAIR MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I agree with you and Commissioners Wright and Imamura that this meets the standards for a modification without a hearing, and just would like to emphasize that this is -- was a PUD that we approved a few years ago for Southwest Area, nearly 500 units of housing, including 75 inclusionary zoning units, and eight of those IZ units were going to -- are going to be three-bedroom family-oriented units. So this project got a bit delayed by a DC Court of Appeals lawsuit, which was dismissed, but I'm pleased

1	that it can go forward with these modifications.
2	CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Thank you. So I will make a
3	motion on this one. I'm turning back to it. Give me one moment.
4	Okay. I would move that we approve, as captioned and requested,
5	Zoning Commission Case Number 22-06A, the modification without
6	hearing, as requested, for 801 Main Avenue NBL Owner, LLC, PUD
7	Modification without the hearing at Square 390, and ask for a
8	second.
9	COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: Second.
10	CHAIRPERSON HOOD: It's been moved and properly
11	seconded. Any further discussion?
12	(No response.)
13	CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Not hearing any, Ms. Schellin, would
14	you do a roll call vote please?
15	MS. SCHELLIN: Sure. Commissioner Hood.
16	CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Yes.
17	MS. SCHELLIN: Commissioner Imamura.
18	COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: Yes.
19	MS. SCHELLIN: Commissioner Wright.
20	COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: Yes.
21	MS. SCHELLIN: Commissioner Miller.
22	VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes.
23	MS. SCHELLIN: The vote is four to zero to one to
24	approve final action in Zoning Commission Case Number 22-06A, the
25	vote being four to zero to one, Commissioner Stidham not being

present. And I would ask that the applicant be allowed to provide a draft order -- summary order, if OZLD finds that legally sufficient. Okay, Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Yes, yes, summary order, if legally sufficient. If not, we'll -- their choosing; we'll leave it to them.

MS. SCHELLIN: Okay. Thank you.

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CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Thank you. All right. Let's go with final action, Zoning Commission Case Number 24-10, Office of Planning map and text amendments to create a new Pennsylvania Avenue East Neighborhood Mixed-Use Zone NMU-5A/PAE, Ms. Schellin.

MS. SCHELLIN: Yes, sir. So since the February 20th, 2025 public hearing, when the Commission took proposed action, at the conclusion of that hearing, staff then referred it to the National Capital Planning Commission for their 30-day comment period, a review period, and they filed a report at Exhibit 14 stating that the proposed new text and map amendments are not inconsistent with the Comp Plan for the National Capital and would not adversely affect -- impact, rather, any other identified federal interests. The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking was also published in the <u>District of Columbia Register</u> on May 16th, and we received no public comments to the proposed rulemaking, so, if the Commission chooses to do so, it may proceed with final action on this case this evening. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Thank you, Ms. Schellin. I believe

that, colleagues, in this case, if I'm not mistaken, the new Pennsylvania Avenue East Neighborhood Mixed-use zone was well thought of by the community especially, and it does, I believe, meet our requirements. So I would believe -- I think that, due to the outreach and due to the coordination -- I think I asked this question at the hearing -- I think, due to the coordination of the community in coming up with this, I will be ready to move forward. I think we discussed a lot of this previously, but let me hear from others. Commissioner Imamura.

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COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm in agreement that we can -- we can move forward. And I just want to reiterate here that IZ Plus should apply to this map and text amendment.

CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Thank you. Commissioner Wright.

COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: I agree. I think we had a pretty good discussion about this at our previous meeting, and I think that, again, this is a text amendment that has been thought through very carefully. We've been -- we've had an opportunity to look at it in detail, and with the addition that Commissioner Imamura pointed out about having IZ Plus apply, I'm definitely prepared to support.

CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Thank you. Vice Chair Miller.

VICE CHAIR MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I
agree with everything my colleagues have said and you have said,

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Mr. Chairman. This is consistent with recommendations that were

1	in the Pennsylvania Avenue East Small Area Plan that was adopted
2	by the Council, with community a lot of community input, and,
3	also, the recommendations of the Ward 7 Economic Development
4	Advisory Council. And this was supported at our hearing well,
5	in our hearing record by ANC 7B I believe, so I'm prepared to
6	support it as well.
7	CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. So, with that, Commissioner
8	Imamura, would you like to make a motion.
9	COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: I'd be glad to, Mr. Chairman.
10	I move that the Zoning Commission take final action on Case Number
11	24-10, Office of Planning map and text amendment to create a new
12	Pennsylvania Avenue East Neighborhood Mixed-use zone, NMU-5A/PAE,
13	Pennsylvania Avenue East, and ask for a second.
14	VICE CHAIR MILLER: Second.
15	COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: I'll second that, or we'll both
16	second it.
17	VICE CHAIR MILLER: We'll second and third it.
18	CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Well, we'll give that to
19	Commissioner Wright. Vice Chair Miller's been around a while,
20	so he has a lot of seconds and motions, so we'll give that to
21	Commissioner Wright, if the Vice Chair doesn't mind. It's been
22	moved and properly seconded it's been moved and properly
23	seconded. Any further discussion?
24	COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: No. It was a great motion.
25	CHAIRPERSON HOOD: I'm sorry?

1	COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: It was a great motion to get a
2	second and a third.
3	CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Oh, yeah. Oh, that was a good
4	motion. Maybe I'll just fourth it. Okay. It's been moved and
5	properly seconded. Any further discussion?
6	(No response.)
7	CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Not hearing any, Ms. Schellin, would
8	you do a roll call vote please?
9	MS. SCHELLIN: Yes. Commissioner Imamura.
10	COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: Yes.
11	MS. SCHELLIN: Commissioner Wright.
12	COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: Yes.
13	MS. SCHELLIN: Commissioner Hood.
14	CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Yes.
15	MS. SCHELLIN: Commissioner you guys got me
16	confused. I was going to ask everybody, since it was such a
17	great motion. So the motion passes four to zero to one to approve
18	final action in Zoning Commission Case Number 24-10, Commissioner
19	Stidham being the minus one, not present, not voting.
20	CHAIRPERSON HOOD: For this next one, I'm going to ask
21	Commissioner Wright to lead us on, but let me call it first.
22	Zoning Commission Case Number 24-16, MR 1401 15th Street Retail,
23	LLC map amendment at Square 210. Ms. Schellin.
24	MS. SCHELLIN: Okay. 24 I'm sorry 24-16; is that
25	right? Am I on the right one?

CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Oh, yes, 24-16.

MS. SCHELLIN: Okay. I thought you said 10 again. That's why I was confused. So, all right, 24-16, again, final action, At the May 22nd, 2025 public hearing, at the conclusion of that hearing, again, the Commission took proposed action to approve it, and staff referred it to NCPC for its 30-day review period. However, NCPC was not able to get it on their June schedule, but the 30-day time period has -- or their review period has expired, so it is ready for the Commission to proceed with final action on this case, and I will turn it over to the Commission to proceed accordingly. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Thank you, Ms. Schellin. I will say that as we -- just to recall, there was a lot of -- there was some opposition, but it was confusing us with the Historic Preservation review part of it, so we want to make sure that we parse out that out as we do our zoning review, and I would ask Commissioner Wright to get us started, if she doesn't mind.

COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: Thank you. This application was to rezone an existing very historic church building to the ARTS-3 zoning, so that it could be adaptively reused for a non-religious use, with some sort of a probably commercial use being put in the actual church building and some residential uses in the church residence that is adjacent. And we heard a lot of testimony. We thought about this case very, very carefully, because it's a very important historic building, but from

everything we have understood in the hearing, the folks who are looking at this rezoning and looking at a project in this historic church are very aware of and sensitive to the fact that they will need to preserve the exterior, and they've also said they definitely have plans to preserve as much of the interior as is possible. We heard from a number of folks who expressed a desire that the building could continue to be used as a church, but in looking at the whole history of this building, there have been multiple attempts for bringing another church use into this building that have not worked out, and the building needs to be renovated and it needs to be -- needs to be used, and that is important to its preservation as well.

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I think that we ended up coming down to the discussion that the ARTS rezoning would be appropriate and that having IZ Plus is not appropriate, because there will be a very, very limited number of new residential units and only in the -- as we understand it, only in the church residence building, not in the church itself. We really believe that adaptive reuse is the best way to preserve historic structures that, for whatever reason, cannot be put to their original use, and we believe that it is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan to approve this rezoning. So that was the primary discussion. We were, again, very appreciative of the people who came out and testified and offered their thoughts, and we agree with them, that this is an incredibly important historic building, but we do think that this current

plan may be the best way to allow for the long-term preservation 2. of the building. And any changes will need to be reviewed by the city's Historic District Review Board. 3 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Thank you, Commissioner Wright, for 4 5 that excellent recap. I had a -- I had a comment I was going to 6 make, but after you did that, I have no comments, but let me see 7 if anyone else does. Commissioner Imamura. 8 COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Commissioner Wright's summary was excellent, and I would only add 9 10 that not only does the adaptive reuse allow or is often the best way to preserve historic structures, but it's also the best way 11 12 to preserve their story. And so this I think really important 13 to preserve the story, as well as the structure, and maintain its 14 use in a new way and function. And so I'm prepared to vote in 15 support. 16 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: That was excellent. Maybe we --17 maybe we should go down to the HPRB and testify. Vice Chair 18 Miller, you have anything to add? 19 VICE CHAIR MILLER: I concur with everything everyone 20 said and appreciate Commissioner Wright's summary of it and 21 prepared to support. 22 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. So, with that, Commissioner 23 Wright, would you like to make a motion please? Sure. For all the reasons --24 COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: 25 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Hold on one second. Hold on one

second. Mr. Ritting -- whenever I see Mr. Ritting, we must have left something out.

MR. RITTING: I just wanted to put something on the record before you make a motion. IZ Plus does not automatically apply to this map amendment, because it does not meet the requirements of Subtitle X-502.1A or B, because the ARTS-3 zone does not allow a higher maximum FAR than the existing zone. For this reason and the limitations on expanding density beyond the existing building envelope on this historic site, the Office of Planning recommended that IZ Plus not apply to the map amendment. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: Thank you. And that is something I think the Commission definitely heard and agreed with, so thank you for making that so clear. I'd like to make a motion, based on the discussion that we've just had, to approve Zoning Case Number 24-16, which is MR 1401 15th Street Retail, LLC map amendment at Square 210.

COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: Second.

19 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. It's been moved and properly 20 seconded. Any further discussion?

(No response.)

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CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Not hearing any, Ms. Schellin, would

23 you do a roll call vote please?

MS. SCHELLIN: Sure. Commissioner Wright.

25 COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: Yes.

1	MS. SCHELLIN: Commissioner Imamura.
2	COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: Yes.
3	MS. SCHELLIN: Commissioner Hood.
4	CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Yes.
5	MS. SCHELLIN: Commissioner Miller.
6	VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes.
7	MS. SCHELLIN: The vote is four to zero to zero I'm
8	sorry four to zero to one to approve final action on Zoning
9	Commission Case Number 24-16, the minus one being Commissioner
10	Stidham, not present, not voting.
11	CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. I think next is hearing
12	yeah, moving right to hearing actions, Zoning Commission Case
13	Number 25-09. This is an Office of Planning text and map
14	amendment to create the Cleveland Park Neighborhood Mixed Use
15	Zone, NMU-8A/CP, and new Woodley new Woodley Park Neighborhood
16	Mixed Use Zone, NMU-slash I mean, dash 9A/WP. Ms.
17	Steingasser or Ms. Brown-Roberts.
18	MS. BROWN-ROBERTS: Good evening, Mr. Chairman. I'm
19	not sure why I'm not showing on the screen, but I'm here.
20	CHAIRPERSON HOOD: We can see your background, so I
21	don't know
00	MS. BROWN-ROBERTS: Okay. I'm not sure what's
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22	happening. It works at BZA. I'm not sure why it's not working
	happening. It works at BZA. I'm not sure why it's not working at the Zoning Commissioner, but anyway

it works at BZA and doesn't work here, so I'm not -- go right ahead, Ms. Brown-Roberts

MS. BROWN-ROBERTS: My apologies, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Go right ahead.

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Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and MS. BROWN-ROBERTS: members of the Commission. Maxine Brown-Roberts representing the Office of Planning on Zoning Commission Case 25-09. OP is pleased to present the proposed text and map amendment to you this evening, as the revitalization of the Connecticut Avenue corridor has been a priority for the residents, property owners and businesses in the area, as well as the city. As will be discussed they have been involved and participated recommendations of the 2021 Comprehensive Plan, the Connecticut Avenue Development Guidelines, and the instant proposed text and They've also emphasized moving the proposal map amendment. forward to expand housing and affordable housing and retail and service uses to revitalize the corridor. And OP is pleased to be here to represent some of these views by the residents.

Next slide. OP proposes a zoning and text amendment to create the new Cleveland Park Neighborhood Mixed-Use Zone. It's the NMU-8A/CP for properties fronting on Connecticut Avenue Northwest between Porter Street and Macomb Street and the Woodley Park Neighborhood Mixed-Use Zone, NMU-9A/WP for properties fronting on Connecticut Avenue between Woodley Road and Calvert Street. In both areas, there are a few properties fronting on

side streets. The proposal includes a map and -- a map amendment to map the zones. The proposed new zoning text and map amendments are not inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan, including when viewed through a racial equity lens, and incorporates land use and building massing, design and use guidance from the Connecticut Avenue Development Guidelines.

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Next slide. The Generalized Policy Map designates both areas as Main Street Mixed-Use Corridors. The corridors are also within a Future Planning Analysis Area, which has been accomplished through the Connecticut Avenue Development Guidelines.

Next slide. The Future Land Use Map designates the Cleveland Park corridor for mixed medium-density residential and moderate-density commercial, and high-density residential and low-density residential (sic) for the Woodley Park corridor. The proposed zones are not inconsistent with the Generalized Policy Map and Future Land Use Map, as they would allow a mix of uses, particularly ground floor commercial uses and upper floor residential uses, including affordable housing. The citywide and area elements of the Comprehensive Plan for Cleveland Park and Woodley Park also identifies these areas as policy-focused areas.

Next slide. Discussions on the revitalization of both neighborhood mixed-use corridors began after the 2021 update of the Comp Plan, which placed a strong emphasis on the provision of new housing and new affordable housing opportunities,

particularly in areas such as the Rock Creek West Planning Area, where there's a lack of dedicated affordable housing. The Connecticut Avenue Development Guidelines was developed following extensive community outreach, meetings, and conversations. The plan was also reviewed by HPRB, as the corridors are within the Cleveland Park and Woodley Park historic districts.

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The Guidelines also address revitalization of public spaces and compatibility to adjacent lower-density residential uses. The Guidelines provide guidance to supplement the Comp Plan recommendation regarding density and use mix for new zoning for the area, and the proposed zones incorporates many of the guidelines pertaining to building use and form. The Guidelines do not recommend specific zoning designation, but gives guidance on density, height, lot occupancy, or regulations to implement the policies of the Comprehensive Plan. Not every provision of the guidelines are relevant to the zoning or could be implemented through zoning. Provisions that are outside the scope of the zoning regulation would be relevant to other approval processes.

Next slide. Based on the recommendation of the Comp Plan for medium-density residential and moderate-density commercial, the Development Guidelines recommended an FAR of 5.0 and a height of 75 feet for Cleveland Park. As seen on the slide, the Guidelines provided illustrations of the recommended building heights with setbacks for protection along Connecticut Avenue, as well as for adjacent lower density uses, where applicable.

Next slide. Similarly, the Woodley Park area, where the Comp Plan recommends high-density residential and low-density commercial, the Guidelines recommended an FAR of 6.0 and a height of 90 -- 6.0 and a height of 90 feet on the west side of Connecticut Avenue and an FAR of 5.5 and 75 feet in height for buildings on the east side of Connecticut Avenue. Again, setbacks are provided, as appropriate, along Connecticut Avenue and from adjacent lower-density residences.

Next slide. Other plans which influence recommendations include the Rock Creek West Roadmap, which identify the areas where efforts should be made to increase the production of housing and affordable housing, supported by vibrant public spaces, retail, and other amenities. The Housing Equity Report, which encourages housing affordable throughout the city, and the DC Comeback Plan, which encourages the removal of barriers to the production of affordable housing.

Next slide. The areas covered by the proposed text and map amendment are along the Cleveland Park and Woodley Park commercial corridors. As I said, there are a small number of properties which face side streets. The corridors have a small number of residential uses, but mostly a variety of restaurants, retail, and service uses which serve the local community. Currently, both areas are designated as Neighborhood Mixed-Use zones, but the proposal would create two new Neighborhood Mixed-Use zones at higher densities to reflect the land use policy

direction of the Comprehensive Plan with a more area-specific zoning provision for construction and additions through specific guidelines of the Connecticut Avenue Development Guidelines.

Based on the recommendation of the Comp Plan for medium and high-density development along Cleveland Park and Woodley Park corridors and the recommended height and density recommended in the Development Guidelines, the proposed zones were created.

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Next slide. For Cleveland Park, the NMU-8A/CP zone is based on the MU-8 zone and would allow mixed-use medium-density residential and moderate-density commercial uses, which is generally ground floor retail uses, residential above, with an FAR of 5.0 and subject to IZ, a height of 75 feet, rear-yard setbacks to protect adjacent residential uses, along with the base MU-8 development standards.

Next slide. For Woodley Park, the NMU-9A/WP zone is based on the MU-9A zone and would allow mixed-use high-density residential and low-density commercial uses with an FAR of up to 6.0 and 5.5 and subject to IZ Plus, heights of 90 and 75 feet, and also rear-yard setbacks to protect adjacent residential uses, along with the base MU-9A development standards. The new zones also include provisions for additional non-residential FAR to give flexibility and encourage a variety of commercial uses on the lower floors. Penthouse and penthouse mechanical space are capped at 15 feet maximum, and transition and compatibility requirements to address relationships between new development

adjacent to low-density residential properties are included. Other design guidelines to activate Connecticut Avenue frontage in both zones include having at least 75 percent of the front facade on new buildings front -- built to the front lot line, minimum door separations on the ground floor for new buildings, requiring retail space be accessed from Connecticut Avenue and at grade with the sidewalk, and parking and loading access from side streets or alleys.

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Next slide. Other changes include rezoning a property in Cleveland Park that is split zone, R-1B and NMU-4-CP and is developed with a single-family detached house. Due to the size of the lot and the existing house, it seems unlikely that the NMU-4/CP portion of the lot could be developed with a higher-density recommendation, and, therefore, it is recommended that the entire lot be in the R-1B zone.

In Woodley Park, there are two properties along Woodley Place that are developed with residential uses and are unlike other properties in the Neighborhood Commercial Area which front on Connecticut Avenue and Calvert Street. OP's recommending that these properties be rezoned to the RF-1 zone. Both neighborhood mixed-use zones have eating and drinking establishment restrictions which limits the use to 25 percent of the linear street frontage along the corridors. The Connecticut Avenue Development Guidelines conveyed that this was an issue to be reviewed. We also heard from ANC and Cleveland Park Main Street

Organization, which conveyed to us that the retail market has changed since the restriction was adopted and only served to dissuade entrepreneurs from establishing a business along the corridor. As part of this process, we've also heard from residents who are in support and those who would like it to be retained.

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Over the years, it has been our experience and in our conversations with the Department of Buildings, which tracks and enforces the calculation of the linear footage available, that there is a history of the information being difficult to track, as businesses transition in and out of the market, and, at times, there's no clear definition of uses which qualify. It seems that allowing the marketplace to dictate the uses along the corridor may be a better option and, therefore, OP has recommended that the new zones be exempted from this requirement.

Next slide. Regarding racial equity, as outlined in our report, there is a history of discriminatory land use practices that has led to the racially-segregated Rock Creek West Planning Area. Homeowners in the area are overwhelmingly white and wealthy and compared with the District as a whole. New housing would provide new opportunities to diversify the neighborhood. During the planning analysis for the Connecticut Avenue commercial corridor, outreach included community engagement and participation through virtual and in-person activities. A dedicated project website to promote engagement

activities and share information was established. OP attended or led community events and meetings related to topics covered by the plan. HPRB also held a public meeting to review the recommendations. OP continues to be committed to the community engagement process through the text and map amendment process, and, to date, we have had 12 engagements with the ANC, ANC representatives, community organizations and their representatives, and individual residents. If the proposal is set down, additional ANC and community discussions will be held prior to the public hearing. Again, the properties are in a historic district and all new construction will be reviewed by HPRB, and they will look at things regarding materials, design, and compatibility with the historic resources and is open for public comments and input.

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For the proposed text and map amendment, community members have been generally supportive of the proposed changes, while others have expressed some concerns about the height and density and their impact on historic districts. However, the height and density proposed are based on the medium and high-density recommendations of the Comp Plan. Many of those concerns could be mitigated, as each new development would be reviewed by HPRB.

In summary, the proposed text amendment is not inconsistent with the Comp Plan and the Connecticut Avenue Development Guidelines. The proposed zoning would support the

provision of housing and affordable housing and encourages the expansion of neighborhood retail uses, addresses potential impacts on adjacent residential uses. OP, therefore, recommends that the proposed text and map amendment is set down for public hearing. Setting down the proposal would allow for continued discussions with the ANC and the Cleveland and Woodley Park community.

OP's also requesting flexibility to work with the Office of Zoning Legal Division on the draft language for the public hearing notice. OP also requests that the Zoning Commission waive the requirement to post notices on properties regarding the proposal. In this case, the applicant is OP, and none of the properties to be rezoned are owned by the government, and OP cannot post signs on private property. Similarly, we are also not permitted to post signs on electrical or light fixtures. However, we have taken steps to notify the public through many meetings with the ANC and community organizations. Although not required, OP sent notices to the owners of properties to be rezoned, as well as to owners within a radius of 200 feet of the property proposed to be rezone. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I'm available for questions.

CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Thank you, Ms. Brown-Roberts and also the Office of Planning in dealing with this significant change. I do have one question, and it came to me while you were giving your report. There seems to be a lot of work going on

and conversations going on with the community, the Office of Planning, and looking at these two -- these zones. How is that -- I guess, how is that tying in with the redoing of the Comp Plan? Is that all coming together? How is that working? Is one working in tandem with the other, or we're going to do this and then we're going to go back later and talk about the Comp Plan? Explain to me how that is kind of --

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MS. BROWN-ROBERTS: Yeah. These recommendations came out in the 2021 Comprehensive Plan, and so we're implementing that at this time. The -- my understanding for the new -- it's going to be a whole new Comprehensive Plan, and so this will move ahead. If there are things to be addressed at that time, I think they will, but this is implementing the current Comprehensive Plan.

CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Do we know when the other Comp Plan will be -- or starting to really getting moving or when it may get -- I'm not going to ask when it's going to be complete, but do we know when it's going to start moving?

MS. BROWN-ROBERTS: It has started moving. We're doing outlines of what, you know, it may look like in the future, and we have started having meetings out in the community, just -- but the exact outline of what the Comprehensive Plan is going to be looked -- look like hasn't been determined as yet.

CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. And do -- is there -- I know I'm asking you to predict the future, which I know you can't,

but if we were to move forward with setting this down, will it change with the new Comp Plan, or we don't know yet?

MS. BROWN-ROBERTS: We don't know.

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CHAIRPERSON HOOD: All right. But I'm looking forward to having this discussion. I don't have any problems with setting it down or giving the waiver for what's being asked for. Ms. Steingasser, I see you -- you have a response?

MS. STEINGASSER: I just wanted to follow up on your Comprehensive Plan questions. The public outreach and engagement's going to start this fall actively, and what you're weighing in on this evening, this rezoning, will not be affected by the future Comp Plan.

CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Okay. All right. I just wanted to make sure we weren't going to do something and then it doesn't happen anyway, because now it's going to change something. Okay. I got it. We're good. We're good. All right. Again, I have no problems with setting this down. Let me see what others have to say. Commissioner Imamura, and then I'll go to Commissioner Wright, and then Vice Chair Miller has disappeared on my -- oh, there he is.

COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I agree with you that there's a lot going on here, but I am intrigued and interested to hear more, if the Commission so chooses to set this down as a rulemaking. And I am in agreement with you, Mr. Chairman, that the waiver seems reasonable to me.

So, Ms. Brown-Roberts, thank you for your report tonight. And, again, I'm interested to hear a bit more, should we choose to set this down.

MS. BROWN-ROBERTS: Okay.

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CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Commissioner Wright.

COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: I want to first say, I am a resident of Cleveland Park. I have remained blissfully unaware of a lot of the work that has gone into this, and that was intentional. I have not become -- I have not attended any ANC meetings. I have not, you know, become involved in the thought on this really at all. I did, I think, perhaps attend one -- before I was on the Zoning Commission, I attended one community meeting about the Development Guidelines, and, you know, heard the presentation by the consultant. So I just want to, you know, be clear on that. And I want to also say that I, you know, support the Comp Plan; I support efforts to implement the Comp Plan.

My only heartburn today at all is that I literally received these documents two days ago, and I have been spending my time trying to carefully read the language of the zoning text amendment and carefully read through the Connecticut Avenue Development Guidelines, which is -- I'm trying to remember -- it's like a 50-page document. I've been trying, over the last two days, to read and get up to speed. And my only concern at this time is I don't feel completely up to speed; I don't feel

like I've had time to -- in the last two days to absorb everything So it makes me a little bit nervous about setting that's here. it down. I mean, I do understand that all you're doing when you set something down is saying let's have a public hearing on this, there's lots of additional opportunities conversation with the community and for the Zoning Commission to ask questions, and, you know, I completely understand that. But I never like making a decision or voting on something where I feel not 100 percent prepared. I really do read, like, all the staff reports, all the documents for these Zoning Commission cases that we have, so that when I'm coming to a meeting, I feel like I truly understand everything that's going on. And on this, I just haven't had time in the last two days, because the amount of information is a lot about the background of this, about the development of the Connecticut Avenue Development Guidelines, you know, so it's raising some questions in my head to try to understand how those Guidelines relate to the actual text of the new zone, if all or only some of the recommendations in the Development Guidelines are included in the text of the new zone. I'm just feeling a little unprepared, I guess is the best way to describe it. And it's not saying that I disagree with any of what's being proposed yet or that I will be disagreeing with it; I just don't feel like I've had time to wrap my head around it in two days.

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CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner

Miller -- I mean, Commissioner Wright. I'm going to respond to some of that and we can have that discussion, but I want to go to Vice Chair Miller first, and then we can come back to those issues. Vice Chair Miller.

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VICE CHAIR MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I've been having connectivity issues again, so that's why I turned off the video. I hope you don't lose my video, but I hope you don't lose my voice, more importantly, but we'll see where we go, so I might keep in short. Well, in the interest of full disclosure, I, too, am a resident of Cleveland Park, as Commissioner Wright stated. I've not been blissfully unaware; I've been aware that there's -that there were these Comprehensive Plan land use map and policy changes in the most recent Council and Mayor adopted Comprehensive Plan four years ago, so -- and I was aware that there was a planning -- future planning analysis required by that Plan for this area and many other -- and several other areas where the Council and Mayor are working to increase housing opportunities, among other things. So I've been -- I've been aware of that something was happening. I haven't participated I was -- I think I did view the OP presentation in any of that. the HPRB of the Connecticut Avenue Development --(indiscernible due to connectivity issues) --

CHAIRPERSON HOOD: I would say turn your camera off, but it's already off. Let's give him a chance to come back. You said you weren't going to be long. Maybe that was a little too

long. He's probably going to shut down and come back. 1 2 MS. SCHELLIN: I think he lost his total connection, 3 so --4 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Is he gone? There he is. 5 We may have to turn the video off now. MS. SCHELLIN: 6 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Turn your video off. We can't 7 hear -- you're on mute. You're on mute. Can you hear me? 8 VICE CHAIR MILLER: It's been off when I was trying to 9 talk. You can hear me now? 10 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Yeah, I can hear you now. We heard 11 most of --12 VICE CHAIR MILLER: I can hear you. Okay. Let me just 13 say, I support the set -- setting down this case for a hearing. 14 I appreciate, Maxine Brown-Roberts, your very comprehensive Office of Planning 53-page report, which I did read, and all --15 16 and your comprehensive presentation today. There is a lot to 17 absorb here, and I think we have -- and I appreciate the community 18 engagement that's occurred by -- with the community by the Office 19 of Planning and their commitment to continue those conversations, 20 as they can continue, throughout the summer and any time before the scheduled public hearing, if we schedule it, so -- and I 21 22 think there's time for all of us, Commissioner Wright, to get up 23 to speed on the Connecticut Avenue Development Guidelines, which is another 50-page-and-some document. I think I understand most 24 25 of it, and I understand that some of it is to be implemented by

HPRB and some of it -- and HPRB requested that to be the case, and some of it's to be implemented by the Department of Transportation Public Space Committee, because it's in their various jurisdictions, but we have some design guidelines. And I appreciate the stepbacks in the minimum rear yard, other transitions that are being made to the lower-scale residential neighborhoods, so I support setdown, Mr. Chairman.

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CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Thank you. Let me just go back to -- well, first of all, let me say this. It's always good -- and I understand, because I live in the city too, and I live in neighborhoods that come, and I do my best to my colleagues and we all do to stay away from them while they're out there, because of opposition and what we have to do here. But I'll say, from my standpoint, I'm glad to know we have some people who have not participated prior, but who may know or have a little knowledge and live in the area, so I think that'll make our case a little more informative, at least for others who don't live in that area. But I will say this. I respect and understand exactly what Commissioner Wright is saying, how she feels -- you know, how she feels. I feel that way too a lot of the times, but one of the things that I found for me -- and that's why it's five of us -- one of the things I found for me is, even though I might not understand everything that's written or what's given to me in a file or, you know, a presentation, when I'm able to ask questions -- and I'm sure I'm not saying anything that nobody

doesn't know, but -- so I'm really probably just wasting time here, but I'm able to ask questions and pull out even more, and, if I find something -- I want to assure Commissioner Wright, if we find something going forward that's not right, we have no problems in closing the book, canceling the hearing, send it back, come back later, this is what we want. We've done it before, and we don't have a problem doing it again. So I was trying to give you a level of comfort.

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I -- we do have the votes to set it down, but I want you to know that whenever we hear this, I'm sure we'll be more up to speed on it, but, also, for me, it's also an opportunity to be able to vet. And I'm not trying to convince you to change whatever position you have. I just know that when we have the discussion with the Office of Planning, we have a time to vet, put our points out there when we eventually get it. And I understand -- I think there's another issue about the 2A report, yeah, but that's a whole -- I think that's another topic that we need to probably deal with later. But, anyway, I'm ready to set this down. I don't know if that -- I know that didn't solve your problem, Commissioner Wright, but I wanted to try to give you some level of ease.

COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: Yeah. No, no, that's very, very helpful. And, I mean, I really do understand that, you know, just setting it down, it's not the end of the story by any means; it's the beginning of the story, and there will be lots of

1	opportunities. I just get uncomfortable personally when I feel
2	like I don't have my head fully wrapped around something, and,
3	you know, I like I like to feel like I have my head fully
4	wrapped around an issue before I end up voting on it. You know,
5	I honestly you know, hearing everyone else talking, I probably
6	will vote for the setdown, but I really, really want time between
7	now and when there's a hearing to fully understand all the pieces
8	of this. I when Vice Chair Miller just mentioned there are
9	parts of the Connecticut Avenue Development Guidelines that are
10	going to be implemented by the Historic District Review Board and
11	that maybe they don't need to be in the zone, well, that was not
12	something I knew. I didn't understand that, and I want to
13	understand that in greater detail before I can, you know, really
14	feel comfortable about voting on the zone. I just I just need
15	more time and information.
16	CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Understood. Ms. Steingasser,
17	I see you're still on. Did you want to respond or you good?
18	Because we're going to go ahead and move forward.
19	(No response.)
20	CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. All right. Commissioner
21	Imamura, you good?
22	COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: (Indicating thumbs up.)
23	CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. I won't ask Vice Chair Miller
24	anything, so let me move forward.
25	VICE CHAIR MILLER: I'm good.

1	CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Oh, you good? Okay. All right. So
2	can you make the motion, or you want me to make it?
3	VICE CHAIR MILLER: I would move that the Zoning
4	Commission set down for a public hearing Zoning Commission Case
5	Number 2509, Office of Planning text and map amendments to create
6	the Cleveland Park Neighborhood Mixed-Use Zone, NMU-8A/CP, and
7	the new Woodley Park Neighborhood Mixed-Use Zone, NMU-9A-WP, and
8	ask for a second.
9	CHAIRPERSON HOOD: I'll second it. All right. It's
10	been moved and properly seconded. Any further discussion?
11	(No response.)
12	CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Not hearing any, Ms. Schellin, would
13	you do a roll call vote please?
14	MS. SCHELLIN: Yes, sir. Commissioner Miller.
15	VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes.
16	MS. SCHELLIN: Commissioner Hood.
17	CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Yes.
18	MS. SCHELLIN: Commissioner Wright.
19	COMMISSIONER WRIGHT: Yes.
20	MS. SCHELLIN: Commissioner Imamura.
21	COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: Yes.
22	MS. SCHELLIN: And so staff records the vote four to
23	zero to one to set down Zoning Commission Case Number 25-09 as a
24	rulemaking case, the minus one being, of course, Commissioner
25	Stidham, not present, not voting. Thank you.

1	CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Yeah, so it's a rulemaking
2	case. Mr. Ritting, did you have anything?
3	MR. RITTING: Yeah. I just wanted to prompt you all
4	to consider the waiver request as well.
5	CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Oh, Vice Chair Miller, can you
6	can you incorporate the waiver request as well?
7	VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes, I
8	MS. SCHELLIN: I think that can be done by consensus,
9	actually. Can it?
10	CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Let's do general consensus. Any
11	objections to the waiver request?
12	VICE CHAIR MILLER: I don't know if you can hear me,
13	Mr. Chairman.
14	CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Yeah, I can hear you. Any objections
15	to the waiver request, Vice Chair Miller?
16	VICE CHAIR MILLER: I don't you can hear me, so
17	CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Yeah, I can hear you. Don't say
18	nothing bad about me, because I can hear you. I think we're
19	good. We got enough for the waiver request. Yes, we're good,
20	we're good.
21	MS. SCHELLIN: Okay. So that's granted.
22	CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Yeah. Okay.
23	MS. SCHELLIN: Mr. Ritting, is that good?
24	CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Yeah, we're good.
25	MR. RITTING: Yes, it's been approved by general

Τ	consensus.
2	MS. SCHELLIN: General consensus. Okay. Good. Sc
3	we're good. Thank you.
4	CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Before we lose the Vice Chair and
5	others, Ms. Schellin, do we have anything else?
6	MS. SCHELLIN: I do not, and I did not get word that
7	OP had a report, so I think that OP is good.
8	CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. The Zoning Commission will
9	meet now it says the 7th, but don't we have a meeting on the
10	2nd?
11	MS. SCHELLIN: We do now. Yes, we do.
12	CHAIRPERSON HOOD: I'm not going to ask who set that
13	up, because I think I might have had something to do with it.
14	MS. SCHELLIN: Don't blame me. Don't blame me this
15	time.
16	CHAIRPERSON HOOD: We have a continuation on the 2nd,
17	and we it's streamlined to one thing only, and it's on these
18	same video channels on these same platforms. So, with that,
19	I want to thank everybody for their participation in this meeting,
20	and you all have a great I would say holiday, but we'll be
21	back before that. Have a great weekend. Thank you.
22	(Whereupon, the above-entitled public meeting was
23	adjourned at 4:58 p.m.)
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