



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

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RE: Returning the Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments to the Office of Planning for Reconsideration in Light of the Anticipated Impact of the COVID-19 Emergency

Dear Mayor Bowser and Chairman Mendelson,

On June 1, 2020 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by seven commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following resolution by a vote of (7-0-0) with regard to the above-referenced matter:

Amendments to the District of Columbia's Comprehensive Plan (the "Amendments") have been proposed by the Office of Planning and are currently pending before the Council of the District of Columbia. If adopted, the Amendments (many, if not most, of which are based on the assumption that the District will experience "a greater pace of growth" in coming years) would make dramatic changes to our city's Comprehensive Plan. Ironically, the Office of Planning submitted the Amendments to the DC Council on April 23rd, 2020, a day on which the District reported 167 new coronavirus (COVID-19) cases and 14 COVID-19 related deaths. At this point, it is impossible to predict the impact the pandemic will have on our city's population growth, employment, and revenue, but ANC 2E believes it is virtually self-evident that the growth assumptions on which the Amendments are based can no longer provide a reasonable basis for responsible urban planning.

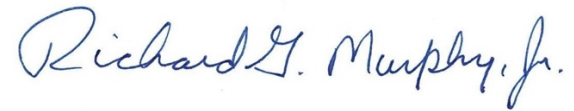
Given the dramatic change in circumstances, ANC 2E urges Mayor Bowser to withdraw the Amendments from consideration by the DC Council. Failing that, ANC 2E urges the DC Council to return the Amendments to the Office of Planning for comprehensive reconsideration once it is possible to reasonably analyze and predict the impact the COVID-19 pandemic will have on the future of our city.

COMMISSIONERS:

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Commissioner Rick Murphy (2E03@anc.dc.gov) is the Commission's representative in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard G. Murphy, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style with a clear "Jr." at the end.

Rick Murphy
Chair, ANC 2E