

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ANC 7F-Resolution on the Comprehensive Plan Amendments

WHEREAS, the Honorable Mayor Muriel Bowser and the District of Columbia Office of Planning (OP) have committed to public review and comments on the Comprehensive Plan Draft Update (Comp Plan), and

WHEREAS, in its current form, approved in 2006, the Comp Plan does not sufficiently address the District’s long-term needs around housing, equity, resilience, and public resources, and

WHEREAS, communities in Ward 7 are disproportionately underserved and not well resourced, and

WHEREAS, the ANC 7F and the community emphasize the need to focus on the following areas:

Economic Development

- A true downtown business corridor in 7F (i.e. Benning and Minnesota, NE area) that includes quality, affordable grocery stores, healthy food options, large and small retail stores, space for small business, quality coffee shop that provides working and meeting space;
- Modernization of all shopping center areas such as Senator Square;
- Police substation and increased police presence in Minnesota Avenue NE area near the Safeway Plaza;
- Light industrial business that is willing to provide on-the-job training along the Kenilworth Avenue/1-295 area;
- No halfway house;

Health

- Build and maintain a high-quality, well-resourced hospital in Ward 7;

Housing

- Affordable and mixed income housing should be spread throughout DC and not concentrated in any Ward or one area of the city;
- Permanent Supportive Housing Plans consider safety of those in proximity to housing, especially vulnerable populations such as children, those with disabilities, and seniors;
- Low income residents and residents in the lower middle class should have options to programs that support them in keeping their homes such as tax relief programs;

Education/Educational Resources

- Technical education options throughout DC, including classes that focus on financial education with discussions on the systematic and historic barriers that prevent economic viability for communities of color;
- All school facilities in 7F should be updated and regularly maintained to provide a safe teaching and learning environment;
- All libraries in 7F should have updated facilities and access to a large book selection and working computers;

Seniors

- Seniors should have access to programs that support them in aging in place including programs to maintain their home and tiny houses options;

Transportation and Roads

- Improving the interfacing between 1-295/ railroad corridor and adjacent areas especially in the Deanwood, Greenway neighborhoods. Improvements would also include a sound barrier wall;
- Improvements to current transportation including train and buses, but no building of the Streetcar;
- Improve accessibility via walking to RFK and Benning Road metro station; and

Infrastructure

- Power line placement in the back of homes and/or other areas that do not present danger to resident and pedestrians.

WHEREAS, to meet the values laid out in the Comprehensive Plan requires bold funding and commitment from city leaders to support growth and development in all wards, especially those are underserved and under resourced.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 7F supports the afore mentioned be focused on in the DC Office of Planning 2020 Comprehensive Plan update.

ADOPTED by vote at a regular public meeting (notice of which was properly given, and at which a quorum four of the six members was present on January 21, 2020 by a vote of 4 yes, 0 no and 0 abstained.

Tyrell M. Holcomb
Chairperson, ANC 7F