



Office of the Director

August 25, 2020

Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners

RE: Updates on Comprehensive Plan Proposal

Dear Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner:

Thank you for your leadership and engagement during the public review process for the Comp Plan. We appreciate that so many Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (34 in all) submitted official feedback to us, helping to shape the draft Comp Plan that was submitted to Council.

We are excited to share that there are several important updates about the Comp Plan.

Council Action

In April, Mayor Bowser submitted the proposed Comp Plan Update to Council, which can be found [here](#). Due to COVID-19, the Committee of the Whole is strongly encouraging written feedback on the plan be submitted to cow@dccouncil.us or telephone feedback (that will be transcribed for the record) by calling (202) 430-6948 through December 3, 2020. Details can be found [here](#), including how to sign up for one of two virtual public hearings on November 12 and 13, 2020. [As we recently wrote to the Council](#), it is critical that they adopt the Comp Plan in 2020, so moving expeditiously once the record is closed will be imperative.

New Resources Available

To support your efforts at understanding the Comp Plan, including changes made since the public review, please visit the updated the [PlanDC website](#) with resources about the Comp Plan, including updated FAQs, ANC resolutions and responses, and new pages that provide information about the major Comp Plan Update themes: [COVID-19 & Recovery, Equity & Racial Justice, Housing, Resilience and Public Resources](#).

COVID-19 and the Comp Plan

We have been working hard to evaluate the Comp Plan given COVID-19 and to ensure it can successfully help guide the District's response and recovery. Prior to submitting the proposed update, OP reviewed the Comp Plan and found that, because it is long-term in nature, it was already well situated to address the pandemic, as well as other potential shocks and stressors. OP did make some minor changes to language around disasters to make sure it includes public health emergencies and added a few actions to monitor and respond to the emergency. We have created a [COVID-19 crosswalk](#) with more details. We have also shared more information in a [letter](#) to responding to questions from ANC 2E on this topic.

In April 2020, in response to the COVID-19 public health and economic emergencies, Mayor Bowser charged the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) with leading the District Economic Recovery Team (DERT), a cross-agency effort to stabilize the economy and provide relief to workers, residents and businesses and developed a long-term framework for achieving an equitable economic recovery. OP, which is a member of the DERT, presented about the Comp Plan and its importance to supporting the DERT's recovery efforts during last week's DERT Town Hall. The town hall included an overview of the Comp Plan, and information about how the Comp Plan supports the neighborhood commercial activity and business growth, particularly considering the COVID-19 pandemic. You can view video of the town hall [here](#).

Thank you again for your interest in the Comp Plan Update. If you or one of your colleagues has questions or needs assistance getting access to any of our resources please call 202-442-7600 and ask for a member of the Comp Plan team, or email us at: compplanupdate@dc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Trueblood', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andrew Trueblood