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## **Bowser Administration Extends Public Review Period for Comprehensive Plan**

**(WASHINGTON, DC)** – Today, the DC Office of Planning (OP) announced that the public will now have until **Friday, January 10, 2020** to review the Comprehensive Plan Draft Update (Comp Plan). In addition to extending the 60-day public review period, OP will now accept feedback from ANCs through **February 14, 2020**. Public review is critical for ensuring District residents get the updated plan that they deserve, and OP has adjusted its schedule to ensure sufficient time for review while also allowing adequate time for adoption of the Comp Plan by DC Council in 2020. In its current form, which was approved in 2006, the Comp Plan does not sufficiently address the District’s long-term needs around housing, equity, resilience, and public resources.

“The Bowser Administration is committed to ensuring the public’s voices and views are reflected in the update of the Comprehensive Plan,” said OP Director Andrew Trueblood. “Since 2016, the Office of Planning has heard from tens of thousands of residents to help shape the draft amendment and is extending the deadline to ensure this process remains inclusive.”

Public engagement for this update began with events in 2016 and continued with an official open call for amendments in 2017. OP received over 3,000 proposals through that public comment period. While these were the primary opportunities to weigh in on major substance and updates, OP also incorporated public input from other venues, including feedback provided through the DC Council’s review of the Framework Element in 2018 and 2019, OP’s DC Values Campaign, the numerous housing engagements in 2019, and the hundreds public engagements associated

with the 40+ plans produced by District agencies that are a part of the Comp Plan update.

Since the draft Comp Plan was released on October 15, 2019, OP has provided numerous documents, summaries, and analysis of the proposed update; attended over 60 meetings with stakeholders; engaged in individual conversations with hundreds of residents; and hosted community meetings in every Ward. In total, through these various conversations, thousands of District residents have weighed in and continue to share their feedback prior. Feedback will be reviewed and incorporated as appropriate into the Mayor's submission to DC Council in the spring. DC Council will provide final opportunities for public input prior to adopting the approved Comp Plan.

More information about the Comp Plan substance, process and opportunities for input can be found at [plandc.dc.gov](http://plandc.dc.gov).

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