



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 8E

Resolution Regarding the DC Comprehensive Planning Amendment Process (Framework Element)

- Whereas, the DC Comprehensive Plan policies guide both private and public activities in the District, especially as it relates to future development and planning throughout the city;
- Whereas, the DC Office of Planning, an executive agency charged with planning and development in the District, announced a Comprehensive Plan amendment cycle that closed public comment in the summer of 2017 (plan.dc.gov);
- Whereas, OP has published a process for reviewing public comment during this Comprehensive Plan amendment cycle (<https://plandc.dc.gov/page/amendment-process>).
- Whereas, OP's written process indicates that before OP delivers any plan amendments to the City Council, OP would first share their planning policy changes with the public (attached flow chart).
- Whereas, OP's process as announced and in writing coincides with the District of Columbia ANC law. That is, executive agencies like OP are required to give notice to all ANC's at least 30 days before seeking changes to the city's comprehensive planning policies (§ 1-309.10(c)(1)).
- Whereas, on January 9, 2018, the DC City Council received from Director Eric Shaw, OP's formulated amendments to the Framework Element of the Comprehensive Plan;
- Whereas, the Framework Element of the Comprehensive Plan is the leading chapter of the DC Comprehensive Plan consisting of narrative and policies that set the direction for the rest of the plan and for all future development and planning for all neighborhoods in the District;
- Whereas, by delivering Framework Element amendments directly to the City Council, OP has chosen to bypass public review failing to fulfill its own written amendment process and has failed to follow the ANC law as well as failed basic transparent public review and decision making as it regards this key leading chapter of the Comprehensive Plan, public review of which is most needed;
- Whereas, and moreover, ANC-8E/citizen/civic groups and other residents submitted resolutions with proposed amendments as it regards the Framework Element, however these resolutions and proposals received no acknowledgement with a response from OP as expected by the process and as required by the law in the case of ANC resolutions;
- Whereas, and further, since the Framework Element policy changes affect all District neighborhoods and all residents, the Office of Planning is required to host meetings and prepare documentation in accordance with the DC Language Access Act. Therefore, be it resolved, we ask that before any Council action on OP's Framework Element amendments:

. OP staff take their formulated Framework Element planning policy changes to each Ward (at least two public meetings, plus any ANC/citizen/civic group meetings);

- OP pro-actively seek feedback from ANC's, civics/citizen groups, and all residents who will be affected, document this feedback, and then respond to this feedback in re-consideration of the amendments before re-submitting them to the Council per the ANC law and Comprehensive Plan amendment process prescribed by OP;

- OP must translate all notices and materials used to formulate the re-considered Framework Element amendments so that all residents, even limited-english speaking families can understand the proposed changes to these fundamental planning policies.

- Be it Resolved: ANC 8E oppose the Framework Element of the Comprehensive Plan Amendments

This Resolution was passed 5-0 at a duly constituted ANC 8E meeting February 5, 2018

Anthony Muhammad
Chair ANC 8E