

# Coalition for Inclusive Planning & Language Access

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The undersigned individuals and organizations understand that the DC Zoning Commission has set a date for September 21, 2015 to hear the request that the Zoning Regulations Rewrite (ZRR) as published in the DC Register in May, 2015, be translated in all basic languages (Spanish, Amharic, and Chinese).

We stand with the many DC residents who have already sent in letters to the record asking Zoning Commissioners to support the call for inclusive planning.

We'd like to ask that these fundamental City zoning policies be translated because they will indeed affect *every* District resident, and ask for additional time -- *four to six months* -- so that limited-English neighbors can adequately review and comment on policies which will affect the City for the next 100+ years.

Further we request that with the extension of time, City officials be directed to engage with limited-English speaking communities and leaders to get meaningful feedback on the proposed new zoning rules.

As signed,

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- Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D
- Adams Morgan for Reasonable Development
- DC Statehood Green Party
- Shaw Dupont Citizens Alliance
- Ward 4 Thrives

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