

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Zoning Commission



Zoning Commission Notice of Public Roundtable – Z.C. Case No. 22-RT1

Washington, D.C.: The Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia (“Commission”) is holding a roundtable to hear public comment regarding its initial racial equity analysis tool:

TIME AND PLACE: **Thursday, September 22, 2022, @ 4:00 p.m.**
Via WebEx: <https://dcoz.dc.gov/ZC22-RT1> (to participate & watch)
Via Telephone: 1-650-479-3208 **Access code:** 2304 588 2670 (audio participation & listen)
Via YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/c/DCOfficeofZoning> (to watch)
Instructions: <https://dcoz.dc.gov/release/virtual-public-hearings>
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The recent updates to the Comprehensive Plan (the “Comp Plan”) require the Commission to evaluate all zoning actions through a racial equity lens. The racial equity analysis of a zoning action is a part of the overall Comp Plan consistency analysis of a zoning action. In its deliberations on the dais and in its final written order for every zoning action where the Comp Plan is applicable, the Commission provides a Comp Plan consistency analysis, inclusive of an analysis through a racial equity lens. There are three key provisions in the Comp Plan Implementation Element that discuss the requirement that the Commission evaluate all zoning actions through a racial equity lens. (See 10-A DCMR §§ 2501.3, 2501.7, 2501.8.) In order to comply with these Comp Plan requirements more formally, the Commission released its initial racial equity analysis tool (the “tool”) on April 28, 2022 on the Office of Zoning (“OZ”) website. The Commission also announced the release of the initial tool on the dais at its public meeting of the same date.

The tool is split into two parts: Part One provides guidance regarding racial equity submissions to the zoning case record; and Part Two lists questions and themes that the Commission is using in its evaluation of zoning actions through a racial equity lens. The tool has been in use since April 28, 2022. Thus far, the Commission has found the tool’s guidance regarding racial equity submissions to result in more thorough submissions to the case record that explain the most relevant Comp Plan equity policies related to the zoning action at issue. The Commission has also found the tool’s list of evaluation questions and themes helpful in framing the potential positive impacts and negative outcomes that could result from a zoning action. And how those potential positive impacts and negative outcomes interplay with the Comp Plan policies focused on advancing equity. Still, there is certainly room for improvement. Both in the substance of the racial equity submissions to the case record, and in the depth of the Commission’s evaluation and analyses of zoning actions through a racial equity lens. See [Racial Equity Analysis Tool](#).

The information the Commission considers in its deliberations to approve or deny a zoning action is limited to the applicable Zoning Regulations; the information, data, and analyses submitted to

the case record; and the public hearing testimony (in cases requiring a public hearing). In all deliberations and final written orders, the Commission affords great weight to the written reports submitted to the case record by the Office of Planning (the “OP”); and the affected Advisory Neighborhood Commission (the “ANC”). Whilst acknowledging the limitations on the information considered by the Commission in its deliberations, the Commission is interested in community input and ideas about ways the Commission can refine the initial tool. Specifically, to potentially facilitate:

- Means to more readily identify both the potential positive impacts and the negative outcomes of a zoning action; and
- Steps and/or processes the Commission can take to make its evaluation through a racial equity lens more substantive.

Though the Commission is interested in input and ideas regarding the list immediately above, the Commission is also interested in:

- Any input and ideas about ways the Commission can refine and improve the initial tool;
- Any general feedback on the tool; and
- Any general feedback on the Commission’s use of the tool to date.

Interested parties can view recordings of previous Commission hearings and meetings where the tool was introduced, discussed, and applied at <https://www.youtube.com/c/DCOfficeofZoning>.

Ground rules will be set and strictly adhered to so as to allow everyone a chance to articulate their position. Please take the following into account:

- This roundtable **will not** focus on any specific projects due to potential future hearings. Such exchange of information could be considered *ex parte* communication.
- Time limits will be established for organization representatives, as well as individual persons. The time limits will be adhered to tightly so everyone has a chance to speak.
 - ◆ Each organization or ANC (one representative per organization/ANC) will be allotted five (5) minutes;
 - ◆ Individuals will be allotted three (3) minutes each; and
 - ◆ No ceding of time will be allowed.
- Written copies of testimony **must** be submitted at least 24 hours prior to the roundtable.
- All individuals, organizations, or associations wishing to testify at this roundtable **are strongly encouraged to sign up to testify at least 24 hours prior to the start of the roundtable** on OZ’s website at <https://dcoz.dc.gov/> or **on the day of the roundtable** by calling Ella Ackerman at (202) 727-0789 in order to ensure the success of the new virtual procedures.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, YOU MAY CONTACT THE OFFICE OF ZONING AT (202) 727-6311.

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