



Racial Equity, Zoning and Development Review Frequently Asked Questions April 2022

What does the Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan) say regarding racial equity in the development review process?

The [Implementation Element](#) (Action: IM-1.B) recommends that District agencies develop tools and processes to evaluate development proposals through a racial equity lens and calls for the Zoning Commission to evaluate its actions through a racial equity lens as part of a Comp Plan consistency analysis.

How is the Office of Planning (OP) addressing this action item?

Since the Comp Plan was adopted in fall of 2021, OP's reports to the Zoning Commission have included an analysis of the Comp Plan through a racial equity lens. Here are several examples that illustrate OP's approach to various types of projects that come before the Zoning Commission:

- Planned Unit Development: ZC Case 20-12 dcoz.dc.gov/20-12/Exhibit105 (racial equity analysis begins on page 3)
- Zoning Map Amendment: ZC Case 22-02 dcoz.dc.gov/22-02/Exhibit2 (racial equity analysis begins on page 11)
- Design Review: ZC Case 21-13 dcoz.dc.gov/21-13/Exhibit37 (racial equity analysis begins on page 10)

What data does OP use to apply a racial equity lens to its Comp Plan consistency analysis?

For these analyses, OP uses data from:

- [US Census](#)
- [OP Demographic Data Hub](#)
- [Housing Equity Report](#)
- [Comprehensive Plan](#)
- [Sanborn Maps](#) (for site development history in some cases)
- [Department of Housing and Community Development](#)

How does OP work with District Agencies regarding racial equity in the development review process?

OP continues to work with the [Mayor's Office of Racial Equity](#) (ORE) in coordination with the Office of Zoning to further inform our case analyses through a racial equity lens. These analyses will continue to evolve as we continue to work with ORE and as each case is reviewed.

To learn more about OP's racial equity work, visit: planning.dc.gov/racialequity.