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Bowser Administration Asks Residents to Provide Feedback on DC Values

Survey Asks Residents About Accessibility, Diversity, Equity, Livability, Opportunity, Prosperity, Resilience, and Safety

(WASHINGTON, DC) – Over the past three years, Mayor Bowser and the DC Office of Planning (OP) have collected community input to understand what residents care about most as the District continues to thrive, grow, and prosper. Eight DC values – accessibility, diversity, equity, livability, opportunity, prosperity, resilience, and safety – aim to express the essence of what makes DC home for a diverse, inclusive community. Feedback on these values will help guide OP through the remainder of the Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan) Amendment process.

OP has launched a new <u>DC2ME</u> campaign featuring the values and a community <u>survey</u>. Residents are asked to complete the survey by Sunday, June 30, at <u>dc2me.com/survey</u>. In addition to the website and survey, OP will conduct a series of outreach activities in May and June to share the key values emerging from the Comp Plan update process and seek feedback in creative ways.

"Through the DC2ME website and survey, we are asking residents do these values align with yours?" said Andrew Trueblood, Director of OP. "We are seeking to re-engage the public about the big picture and the most important concepts in the Comp Plan to ensure we produce an amended Comp Plan that represents all DC residents."

Since the summer of 2016, OP has been leading a major initiative to engage stakeholders and evaluate the text and maps of the current plan. In the spring of 2017, a formal open call for amendments yielded more than 3,000 proposed amendments from the community and District government agencies. Following that milestone, OP drafted legislation amending the foundational chapter of the Comp Plan, called the framework element, which was introduced by the Bowser Administration to DC Council in January 2018. While Council continues to vet the Framework Bill, OP expects the DC2ME platform to help re-engage the public on the latest phase of the [PLANIDC effort to update the Comp Plan, which was last amended in 2011 and 2012.

To stay up to date on the Comp Plan Amendment process and values engagement activities, join OP's mailing list.