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### ***District Extends Comprehensive Plan Amendment Period***

*Office of Planning will accept public amendment proposals through June 23*

**(WASHINGTON, DC)** – During the “Open Call” period of the past two months, the DC Office of Planning has received hundreds of Comprehensive Plan amendment proposals from stakeholders across the city. Based on conversations with a variety of stakeholders, we expect hundreds more amendments will be submitted before the original deadline of May 26. In response to requests from Advisory Neighborhood Commissions and other community groups, the District will extend the Open Call for almost a full month, through June 23.

For more than a year, Mayor Muriel Bowser, the DC Office of Planning (OP), and the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development have engaged the public in a conversation about how Washington is growing and the role of the Comprehensive Plan in shaping future development.

“Community members have not only been attending our events and office hours for technical assistance, but have recently sponsored their own activities and done their own organizing,” said OP Director Eric Shaw. “We wish to support this community-led planning and give a little more time to ensure this energy and thought can be captured during the formal amendment period.”

The Comprehensive Plan is the 20-year plan the District government uses to guide future development within Washington, D.C. It contains the maps and policies that influence the neighborhoods in which residents live, work, shop, and play, as well as the investments the city makes in its services and infrastructure. Most importantly, it is the primary tool that helps the District to manage change in a way that embraces progress while protecting the qualities that make DC a special place.

Stakeholders interested in making an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan can find useful materials under the “Propose an Amendment” tab on the [\[PLAN\]DC website](#), including:

- an Amendment Submission Form;

- a How-to Guide for submitting an amendment;
- a “Roadmap” of planning references;
- a set of Frequently Asked Questions;
- an Engagement Calendar; and
- an Evaluation Framework, which OP will use to screen amendment proposals

During the extended period, the [\[PLAN\]DC](#) project team will be available to provide assistance in drafting and submitting amendments. OP has also created the “meeting in a box,” a kit containing all the materials a community representative would need to lead a conversation with constituents about the Comp Plan amendment process.

Interested parties may contact the [\[PLAN\]DC](#) project team at [plandc@dc.gov](mailto:plandc@dc.gov) to ask questions or request resources. Those who do not wish to propose a specific amendment, but instead would like to share a general idea for consideration may also write the project team at [plandc@dc.gov](mailto:plandc@dc.gov).

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