

Dear Economic and Community Development Committee,

Since you will be discussing amendments to Title 2 of the Zoning Code at today's 2pm work session, I wanted to let you know that the Bellona-Gittings community would much prefer for **City Council to retain oversight of changes to liquor stores**, a responsibility that would be moved to BMZA if 2-203 is approved as recommended. We do NOT want BMZA to gain the ability to approve subsequent changes to liquor stores (which are included in "uses that were previously granted Conditional or reclassified to Conditional"). If the suggested changes to 2-203 are approved and BMZA is able to approve changes (including expansions) to liquor stores, the liquor store in our community will have an easier path to a grand expansion plan they have been seeking for years.

I am happy to provide more information, but for sake of brevity/simplicity, I just wanted to let you know that we hope City Council retains oversight of all changes (especially expansions and increases in "intensity") to liquor stores and bars, of which the City already has way too many and which warrant stringent oversight.

Many thanks,

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