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Subject: Item 7(b) tonight - please keep the OAC

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Dear Mayor Reed, Council Members, and members of our City Staff:

I am writing about **item 7(b)** on this evening's agenda in order to express concerns about the proposal to disband the Ordinance Advisory Committee (OAC).

The staff memo mentions plans to make significant policy decisions that could affect our city's neighborhoods for years to come. It is imperative that these major policy decisions be based on robust community input throughout the entire process, from start to finish.

I am concerned about how the staff's recommendation to disband the OAC could reduce opportunities for structured community input, precisely when we should instead be seeking to expand on opportunities for community input.

I therefore invite you to please consider three actions related to item 7(b) this evening:

- 1. First, I respectfully ask City Council to please choose either Option 2 or Option 3 in the item 7(b) staff memo in order to retain the Ordinance Advisory Committee (OAC).**
- 2. Second, please refresh the OAC membership to include residents representing neighborhoods from all across the city.**
- 3. Third, please encourage City staff to continue conducting robust community engagement as the foundational basis for all aspects of our community's zoning ordinance update.**

We surely all appreciate our Community Development staff's expertise in urban planning, just as much as we also appreciate the unique perspectives and knowledge that local residents have on the day-to-day realities of the neighborhoods we each call home. Working together and combining professional staff training with robust community input will help us to create the strong, community-backed zoning ordinance that we need for our city.

Please feel free to reach out by email if anyone is interested in following up with me on this topic, and thank you all for your time, consideration, and service to our city.

Best,

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