

representing the Chamber of Commerce, expressed their organizations' opposition to the bill. They noted that revisories are a worthwhile mechanism for property owners who enter the SMA process too late. They noted specific concerns, particularly regarding the 30-day timeframe for submitting a petition, and the narrow definition of "mistake". Joyce Birkel, Counsel to the District Council, responded to the concerns, and reiterated the need to strengthen the revisory process in this way to make the process what it was originally intended to be.

The legislation was reported out of Committee with only technical amendments.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

In keeping with the goals of CB-68-1989 to reduce the length of time for the processing and final adoption of Master Plans and Sectional Map Amendments, this bill reduces the time for filing revisory petitions to thirty (30) days. This time period is also in accordance with the requirement for judicial review. Additionally, language is added to clarify the intent of the Council that review is limited to true mistake and is not to be used as a second bite at the apple.