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DATE: August 9, 2022

RE: CB-60-2022

Thank you for the opportunity to provide the following comments on the bill:

1. I would recommend that the description of the bill be revised to "Notification-Informational Mailing" instead of reciting all of the Section headings, in keeping with legislation drafting procedures practiced in prior years.
2. Given the past two years' positive experience with virtual hearings, I would suggest that the language on page 1, lines 7-10, be revised to allow a virtual meeting to be held, where desired.
3. Page 2, lines 26-28, should be revised to simply require Applicant to provide an electronic version of the informational mailing to the Commission since it would be convenient for all to provide and receive this information electronically. If the new language on pp. 3 and 4 is retained (see next comment), page 2, lines 26-28, should also add language to allow Applicant to notify any person or entity noted in Subsection (d)(2) (B) by email if they have an email address. Page 2, lines 28-29, could remain.
4. Finally, it may be impractical to allow any resident within the County to attend the preapplication hearing, as provided in Section (d) (2)(B), especially if the Applicant

is not permitted to hold such meetings virtually, since many of these people would arguably lack standing to appeal any findings to the District Council. It could also be quite costly to require that the preapplication meeting be open to any interested resident and, therefore, prohibitive to certain Applicants.

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