



**Chairman
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**Rev. Ricky V. Burgess
President Pro -Tempore**

December 1, 2009

Noor Ismail, Director
Susan Tymoczko, Zoning Administrator
Department of City Planning
200 Ross Street, 3rd Floor
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Director Ismail:

I would like to thank you and your Department for its cooperation in the matter of the Zoning Code Amendments I submitted on November 17.

The amendments are currently scheduled to be heard before the Planning Commission on Tuesday, December 8, 2009.

However, both of our offices have received numerous calls and visits from City residents with questions and concerns about the impact of the changes I proposed for the GI, UI and EMI Districts on their communities.

The purpose of this legislation is to enhance the public process relative to land use in the City, and specifically, to give the residents a much greater voice in that process. To the extent that the residents have many questions and concerns, we would be remiss not to address those concerns fully with the residents before proceeding any further with the legislation.

I am therefore requesting that the hearing on December 8, 2009 on these Zoning Code Text Amendments (Council Bills 2009-1959, 1960, 1961 and 1962) be postponed and be rescheduled for the January 19, 2010 Commission meeting.

I am aware of the Code's notification requirements and my office is preparing the necessary notification to affected property owners.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev. Ricky V. Burgess".

Reverend Ricky V. Burgess
President Pro-Tempore

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