

**OFFICE OF PLANNING**  
**FY11-12 PERFORMANCE OVERSIGHT HEARING**  
**CITYWIDE SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES**

**February 9, 2012**

**OPENING STATEMENT**

Good afternoon. I am Councilmember Tommy Wells, Chairperson of the Committee on Libraries, Parks, Recreation, and Planning. The time is 10:15am on Thursday, February 9, 2012.

We are in room 412 of the John A. Wilson building to conduct a public oversight hearing on the Office of Planning. The office of guides development of the District of Columbia, including the preservation and revitalization of our distinctive neighborhoods, by informing decisions, advancing strategic goals, encouraging high quality development and engaging all communities

DC is undergoing rapid change in many areas, which makes it a particularly exciting place to do planning, because you get to see some visions actually come to fruition. The Office of Planning has done typically done a great job

including short and mid-term action steps so that communities can see immediate results. This is a vital

We have recently held oversight roundtables several Office of Planning initiatives including Sustainable DC, Healthy By Design, Live Near Your Work, and just last week, the Streetcar Land Use Study. These were great discussions so we will spend limited time on these issues today.

Ms. Tregoning, I have the pleasure of serving with you on the NCPC

With that, let us hear from our public witnesses.