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Dear Council members:

I appreciate Council Member Yungmann's recognition of the need for someone to help guide citizens through our complex development and zoning regulations. However I do prefer that more than a navigator, this person serve as an advocate and watchdog for citizens and citizen boards like the DAP and HPC.

Additionally, during the last Comprehensive Rezoning in 2013, it became clear to Council members that they were in need of someone to assist them in understanding the intricacies and impacts of their actions, as they did not receive the level of support they felt was necessary from the DPZ. Perhaps this could be another function of this position.

I would further recommend that this be considered a trial position of perhaps two years before re-evaluation. If the position doesn't actually improve things for citizens then it should be eliminated, rather than adding to the ever growing expense of additional positions.

Thanks for your consideration of these points,

Susan Garber