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On November 18th and 19th the Denver City Council and Denver Planning Board hosted two 3-hour public listening sessions on the proposed New Zoning Code. These joint sessions were designed to hear public comments and questions before the final draft and the formal hearing.

We have attempted to organize the public comments by issue, and the result is posted on the City Council website: www.denvergov.org/citycouncil/ Many people spoke to several different issues and they have been listed under each of their issues with the comment related to the issue bolded. Community Planning and Development and City Council staff gave their best efforts in capturing comments made during the speaker's allotted time. However, our table serves as a mere summary and we apologize if you feel that your comments are misrepresented.

After receiving input at the Listening Sessions, Denver City Council extended the deadline for public comment on the third and latest draft of the new code to Jan. 4 from Dec. 1. Additionally, citizens will now have a full month to review the fourth and final draft of the code once it is posted Jan. 18 on the New Code website: www.newcodedenver.org. The extended timetable also allows additional time for review by the Planning Board and the Blueprint Denver Committee of City Council. We want those who have taken the time and interest to participate in the zoning code process to know that we have heard you and are listening to you. The schedule adjustments create additional time for citizens to review and comment on the new code and still allow us to maintain the momentum of this important process. Denver will continue to address issues as they arise, both during the remainder of the process and following adoption of the new code.

On behalf of the Denver City Council and Denver Planning Board, we want to thank everyone who came down to speak or listen at the public listening sessions or tuned in on Denver 8 TV. We were extremely impressed with the effort so many Denver residents have made to understand the new code, and with the respect they have demonstrated for the zoning code process.

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