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Dear City Council Members,

**I am submitting a comment regarding Open Space for the public record.**

Before the City Council votes on this resolution, Planning staff must furnish its proposed definition of "Lot Coverage By Buildings" so that Council Members can make sure that they understand the meaning and scope of this definition.

On 6/16/20, Ms. Tia Anderson, Planning staff, indicated in an email that Matt Graybar, BZA staff, would work to update the definition of open space. In that email, she stated, "*Note that the Planning Administrator will likely pursue a Master Plan text amendment to clarify the Open Space definition for projects going forward, which may be more restrictive.*" Now, staff **proposes to delete the concept and definition of "Open Space" for private parcels of land.** Of concern is that Planning staff has not indicated what will replace this concept and definition for the percentage of private parcels that are not to be occupied by buildings and whether such percentage of space is accessible to the public (i.e. not apartment balconies).

City staff must clarify these issues before voting. I respectfully ask that you lay over this resolution to allow for further public comment considering the potential impact of this change to the Ford Site Zoning and the Public Realm Master Plan and Ford Site Zoning Ordinances.

Sincerely,  
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