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Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

I am writing in follow up to Councillor Kirby-Yung's question during the Council meeting this morning regarding the number of public hearing dates scheduled for next year, relative to the anticipated volume of rezoning applications. I recognize and share the concern that an insufficient number of public hearings could impede the timely consideration of rezoning applications and impose an avoidable delay on development.

I have confirmed with the Planning team that the availability of time of public hearing agendas has not been a barrier to advancing projects for Council's consideration. Staff are advancing projects when they are ready for hearing and Council has been processing all of the referrals within the available hearing dates. Josh is following up with his staff to ensure there is clarity in our communication to applicants in this regard.

As indicated, we expect that the public hearing dates set out on the recommended meeting schedule for 2025 will provide adequate time for Council to deal with the volume of applications forthcoming over the next year. However, should it prove necessary, we can also utilize the identified reserve dates to ensure that applications can be considered by Council without undue delay. We certainly share Council's interest in this regard.

I hope the foregoing clarification is helpful. Please let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Thanks,
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