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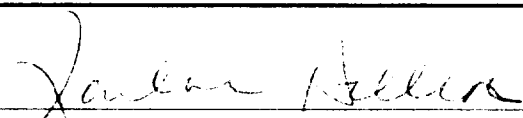
Department of Community and Economic Development Interoffice Memo

TO: Robert Donchez, City Council President
FROM: Darlene Heller, Director of Planning & Zoning
RE: **Comprehensive Plan Final Draft**
DATE: December 8, 2008

On November 6, 2008 the Planning Commission held a public meeting to gather input on the Draft City of Bethlehem Comprehensive Plan dated August 2008 (Plan). Minutes of the public meeting are attached. At their November 13, 2008 meeting the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Plan with eight revisions. The eight recommended revisions are attached as a "Summary of Recommended Revisions to the Draft Comprehensive Plan" dated November 13, 2008. The eight recommended revisions forwarded by the Planning Commission were compiled from the comments received in the attached letters from other municipalities, the public meetings and from their own discussion and consideration.

As required by the PA Municipalities Planning Code, the draft plan was also sent to the regional Planning Agency (LVPC), all abutting municipalities and the school district to provide them the opportunity to comment. The comment letters we received are attached, including LVPC, Lower Saucon Township, Borough of Hellertown and Bethlehem Township. Also included in the packet is a summary of responses to the comments from each entity.

Please schedule the required public hearing on this matter at your earliest convenience. Feel free to contact our office if you have any questions.


Darlene Heller, Director of Planning & Zoning

cc: City Council Members w. plan and attachments
J. Spirk w. attachments
S. Spadoni w. attachments
T. Hanna w. attachments
T. Samuelson w. attachments
Irene Woodward w. attachments
C. Bartleson w. attachments
P. Driscoll, URDC w. attachments