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I. Several	Edit all text boxes throughout to be easily readable. Purple background is too dark.	Response: Agree. RECOMMENDATION: Edit all text boxes to be easily readable.
2. Several	References to Title 21 should state "chapter" no section.	Response: Agree. RECOMMENDATION: Edit all Title 21 references to say "chapter."
3. Several	Many photos have credits but no captions of what the photos are trying to articulate. Add captions to help reader understand why a photo is being used.	Response: Agree. RECOMMENDATION: Will add captions to all photos used in document.
4. Front cover	Insert Dena'ina land acknowledgement used throughout the planning process on the front inside cover.	Response: Agree. RECOMMENDATION: Will add Dena'ina land acknowledgement on front inside cover.
5. Maps	Some maps have been recycled from other plans. Suggest replacing with new maps that are easy to read and understand. The seismic map is a perfect example.	Response: Agree. RECOMMENDATION: Will revise maps to make sure they are easy to read and understand the contents.
6. Blank pages	Remove blank pages or use them for photos or other information to shorten the document.	Response: Agree. RECOMMENDATION: Will remove blank pages or insert photos or other information that contributes to the plan.
7.	Last bullet, first column – edit "permits" to "entitlements."	Response: Agree. RECOMMENDATION: Will make edit.
8. 51	Add explanation of how Cultural Districts are important. Are there historic preservation incentives, etc.? If so, mention those here.	Response: Agree. RECOMMENDATION: Great catch. Will make edit.

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10.	Action Item LU-4, Land assembly process should not be	Response: Agree.
59	established in code. That should be a process developed by redevelopment authority or a MOA department.	RECOMMENDATION: Will make edit.
11. 62	Fix Primary Land Use paragraph to "4" instead of "8."	Response: Agree.
02		RECOMMENDATION: Will make edit.
12. 65-67	Change "Development Specifications and Uses" to: "This District encourages the following uses and development	Response: Agree.
	types," and remove any references to number of stories or dwelling units per acre. These specifications are in the Downtown Title 21 Code and shouldn't be in a plan. The exception may be 4th Avenue between A and F to maintain solar and historic context of 4th Avenue.	RECOMMENDATION: Will make edits.
13. 68-69	Ship Creek District reference to AO is not needed in case another AO is adopted. Additionally, Development Specifications do not need to be repeated in the plan in case they are changed later.	RECOMMENDATION: 1. Will make the edit to title of discussion to "Encouraged Uses" and remove AO number. 2. Will also edit out Development Specifications, which are already included in the Ship Creek Framework Plan.
14.	Second paragraph, right column, add "when plane is	Response: Agree.
77	adopted" to second sentence.	RECOMMENDATION: Will make edit.
15. 85	Add Urban Design Goals and Guidelines are not intended to conflict with Title 21, Chapter 11:	Response: Agree.
	DOWNTOWN. Where a conflict may arise, Title 21 prevails. Somewhere on that page.	RECOMMENDATION: Will make this addition.

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17.	Add explanatory text to the Building Design Diagram –	Response: Agree.
91	Something to the effect that it is just an example of a	
	step-back.	RECOMMENDATION: Will make edit.