**Friends of Takoma Recreation Center**
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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B
6856 Eastern Avenue, NW
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Dear Commissioners:

This letter is in regard to the new aquatic center for Takoma Recreation Center as proposed by the Department of Parks and Recreation Center and Jair Lynch Consulting, LLC. On behalf of the Friends of Takoma Recreation Center I would like to commend the efforts of all those involved and express my support for the refurbishing of the historic pool house and the construction of the new indoor aquatic facility.

As many of you know, this project has been in the "making" for several years. Thanks to the cooperation from the community, recreation staff and the support of Councilmember Adrian Fenty, this project is developing into a facility that will serve our city well. Our friends group is especially pleased that Parks and Recreation Director Neil Albert and his staff worked very closely with our community to learn our concerns and design a facility that addresses our wishes.

It is because of our positive working relationship that I am troubled by proposed regulations that seek to eliminate public comment on construction projects at facilities under the control of the Department of Parks and Recreation. For the department to embark on building anything, at any facility, in any community in this city without public comment would be a slap in the face to every resident whose tax dollars support this critical department in our government. I urge all of our leaders to insist that these regulations never become final. The recreation department must know that they are part of our neighborhoods and we want input on what they bring to our neighborhoods. It is a simple request that must be honored.

Our friends group and the recreation department have always worked well together. We have not always agreed but we have always cooperated and done what was in the best interest of the community. I hope to continue our working relationship as we move forward to the building and later the staffing and maintenance of the aquatic center. I hope the recreation department will continue to work with us and continue to respect our opinions.

Again, we fully support the design of the new Takoma Aquatic Center. We hope that the building will proceed in an expeditious and safe manner. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gina Douglas
President

Cc: Carol Mitten, Chair—Zoning Commission

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**D.C. Department of Consumer & Regulatory Affairs**

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