

Recipient: Forest City Washington, Vornado/Charles E. Smith, Bresler & Reiner, ANC
Commissioners 6D

Letter: Greetings,

The lot at 425 M Street SW has become an important part of the neighborhood. Although you have met with the ANC, the ANC has not adequately represented all interests and concerns in the neighborhood. If truly have the neighborhood best interests at heart, I hope that you'll provide us a spot at the table, and listen to our heartfelt concerns regarding a very popular space in the neighborhood.

I must emphasize just how important I believe it is to have open communal space like we have been enjoying for the past couple of years. It is great that neighbors can socialize or hang out in the space without spending money for planned or unplanned events. This has provided me with an opportunity to deepen my connection with my fellow neighbors. I really dislike the notion that we have to spend money every time we want to be an area like that. Currently, neighbors can enjoy the space without patronizing any business. This is more inviting to more people and already has a track record of being popular. The area has turned into downtown SW because of its great location and accessibility to people of all incomes.

The Food Truck Festival, the Friday Night Markets, the State Fair, the 202 Creates Festival, and the Farmers Markets have been great additions to our neighborhood and it would be a complete shame to have them replaced with a 12 story building. The Duck Pond and Lansburgh Park are great green spaces, but do not have the great location of 425 M St SW and do not have the capacity for the size of the events that have been held there in the past. For this reason, we petition to include the concept of open space and lounging outside without patronizing a business into your plans.

For the sake of this community, and the people who have signed this petition, who feel strongly about their neighborhood, please engage with more than just the ANC, or the housing buildings that filed for joint status.

Comments

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Pamela Daley	Washington, DC	2017-07-13	I love our communal spaces in SW and I want to see developers make housing actually affordable for families.
Cita Lamb	Washington, DC	2017-07-14	I live here and want more green space. We need more grass, less concrete for healthier living
Ava Millstone	Washington, DC	2017-07-21	We love meeting up with our neighbors in the lot! Please preserve/enhance our community space.
Yumi Cooper	Washington, DC	2017-08-04	This area is becoming intensely dense with high rise buildings. Please leave some space for residents of SW to gather as neighbors.
Amanda O'Neil	Washington, DC	2017-08-04	We need to preserve our green and open spaces! The Wharf is going to quadruple the density of the Waterfront area.
Margaret Gentry	Washington, DC	2017-08-05	It is vital to preserve our diverse neighborhood and prevent it from being totally run over by money-motivated developers, already well on the way to turning SW into a rich folks playground.
Margaret Gentry	Washington, DC	2017-08-14	It's vital to the quality of life in our neighborhood to preserve this community space! We're at risk of being dominated by highrise condos for rich folks.
Mary Coy	Faber, VA	2017-09-26	The excessive residential development in my neighborhood is ruining the area. We are going to feel like K Street if this keeps up. Keep SW a real community with outdoor space where people of all kinds can gather- safely and out in the open air.
Jennifer Druliner	Washington, DC	2017-11-06	I'm signing because I'm concerned about affordability and livability in SWDC.
Melissa Ruiz	Millbury, OH	2017-11-06	I am a concerned sWSC resident.
Liz Hoopes	Washington, DC	2017-11-07	Save our beautiful green space in SW! Our elected leaders need to be held accountable for selling out our community. Enough is enough. Really, it's enough.
Christine Hoese	Washington, DC	2017-11-07	As SW residents we will do anything to fight for our community, including saving our public spaces and our low income housing.
Jenny Nordstrom	Washington, DC	2017-11-07	We don't need more apartment buildings! There are already too many, without supporting businesses like a grocery store that can actually handle the extra customers. Or could we PLEASE get a gas station?? Keep the market, it is part of what makes the neighborhood wonderful!
Olga Mongelos	Washington, DC	2017-11-07	Please keep this area open for community building. We need open spaces and this has been greatly used by kids and adults to gather and share community time.

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Kahaari Kenyatta	Washington, DC	2018-01-05	I am a relatively new resident to the quadrant, having moved to Q St SW only in August. But I am all too familiar with the cycles cities undergo and the damage investment like the kind we're seeing up and down M St. can do to communities and economies. Rapid development displaces renters, puts financial pressure on property owners, and is not conducive to building vibrant, sustainable urban centers--and neither is stripping a neighborhood of a communal space.
Joelle Rudney	Vienna, VA	2018-02-26	Please save that space for community events like the Farmers' Market or the State Fair. We don't need 2 more tall ugly buildings jammed into that little space, causing more traffic congestion, increasing the density in our neighborhood.
Christine Hoese	Washington, DC	2018-03-20	Two ugly buildings with U-Shaped garden areas is not what I call open space. Best to keep both lots as they are dirt community gatherings, markets and events. We certainly don't need more buildings!
Jamie Gulin	Washington, DC	2018-03-20	Green communal space is hallmark of living in SWDC. the farmer's markets, state fair, etc., are a highlight of living here! There are enough apartment buildings currently here or in development at this point. what we need are more grocery options (traders joes, for example), urgent care (perhaps a Minute Clinic in ONE of our TWO CVS?), coffee shop, etc. Things that residents actually need and would use in their day to day lives.
Jennifer Ibrahim	Washington, DC	2018-03-20	We have tons of new apartment buildings in sw. What we need is communal space to preserve what sense of community we have left in our neighborhood.
Amy Granger	Washington, DC	2018-03-21	The market space, particularly the night market, really gives off a wonderful community vibe in Southwest. That space has become our town square--please let us keep it!Is there any way the developer could be compensated, such that the space can remain open, without someone taking a huge financial hit?
champe granger	Richmond, VA	2018-03-22	I agree
Allie Wright	Washington, DC	2018-03-25	I am rather disappointed in the ANC commissioners for letting this get this far. There has been no thought to parking or traffic flow as the SW area has been developed. It is a gross oversight, quite frankly.
Marcelo Rodríguez Rivollier	Madrid, Spain	2018-03-26	Please keep the area for the neighbours to socialize and enjoy!
Leigha Gooding	Washington, DC	2018-03-31	The proposed community center does not provide the community activities we love or want in our community. We don't need more space for Zumba classes, we want the farmers market, the night market, the outdoor accessible space and the live music we cherish all part of the future town center! The Duck Pond cannot support this, nor is closing down private roads that serve landlocked buildings a viable alternative. We have such a special place - an

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			indoor community center that is only accessible by invite during planned events can't replace our open spaces/markets/music.
Kathleen Crowe	Chicago, IL	2018-04-02	I am signing because I live in SW and support this cause.
Miroslav Styblo	Washington, DC	2018-04-03	We need a place for the sw farmers market