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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my opposition to the commercial development of the McMillan Park and Sand Filtration Site as proposed by Vision McMillan Partners (VMP).

I object to the densely-focused office and medical buildings, townhouses, and commercial spaces this plan proposes.

I deplore the lack of imagination, the lack of esthetics, the lack of vision of the plan and the loss of open space.

I fear the inadequate storm water and sewage infrastructure, the traffic congestion, and the air pollution which will be immediate consequences of this plan.

I commiserate the cookie-cutter mentality lay-out proposed for this 25-acre historic space.

And I despise the attempt by local officials to mislead the community by creating fake grassroots movements such as "Create McMillan Park."

Washington DC is an international city, it is the capital of the United States of America. Let it rise to its glory.

Look at world-class cities and their monuments and parks. Don't let a third-rate team of architects and developers plant suburban-type buildings with a mall on two thirds of what has been established as a national landmark.

If Washington is in fact meant to reach the standards of a world class city such as New York, Paris, London, Sydney or Barcelona, let the McMillan Park and Sand Filtration Site be one of the references

in architectural planning and landscaping.

Finally, a lame duck mayor and his team should certainly not be the people to sign off on any projects for a land as valuable as McMillan Park.

To clarify: I am not opposed to the preservation, restoration, and adaptive reuse of historic McMillan Park, and I certainly would like to see the site re-opened, but not under the terms VMP proposes.

Given the well-known community objections to the plan in its current form, I encourage you to consider rejecting VMP's plan.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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