

I can not believe I have to submit testimony about what NCI is proposing for Barry Farm. Like petulant children who are mad about losing the game, they now want to change the rules. How much more can we take away from Barry Farm residents? NCI, DMPED, Mayor Bowser and everyone with decision-making power have broken every promise made to them.

NCI was supposed to build first when possible to replace units one-for-one, to rebuild communities, and to return those residents back to their homes. None of that happened under the original rules. So when the DC Court of Appeals agreed with those residents, how does NCI respond?

"Let's rezone and change the rules so no one can appeal." Why not listen to residents and come up with a solution that works for everyone?

This also does not bode well for future redevelopments. If rezoning is allowed for Barry Farm, the next time a redeveloper runs into any roadblocks, they'll just ask for the rules to be changed. NCI has proven they can't be trusted when existing rules are in place.

I understand the city wants as much tax base as possible, but some of these zoning restrictions are in place for a reason. I'm hoping that the DC government ultimately wants to take care of residents and treat us with respect. All of us.

Thank you,

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