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Dear Commissioners:

Chevy Chase residents deserve their rights to a contested case in this zoning process.

1- I am opposed to giving private developers building rights on public lands, still used for public use.

2- I am opposed to an RFP process proposing an outsized 80 foot building height and 60% lot coverage; eliminating outdoor access such as the ball court, children's play area, reading area outside the library and community center and all possible on-site parking. Surely a better plan can be designed that addresses these concerns. Chevy Chase has a bright future if we monitor this expansion carefully. It should be a cause for celebrating. A good plan would bring that result.

3- Why give away public land that can never be reclaimed? By passing the proposed rezoning you are providing a gift of public land - the Chevy Chase Commons Park, Library and Community Center - to developers for their personal profit. This rezoning does nothing to lower housing costs in DC. The upzoning of Chevy Chase may lose 1000s of Naturally Occurring Affordable Homes in rent-controlled buildings. Our Chevy Chase workforce - teachers, police, retail workers, etc. - may be displaced by your actions, as workforce housing has been lost in every other densified and gentrified DC neighborhood. Why do this?

4- The Chevy Chase community will lose a valuable property with incredible potential if you vote for upzoning Chevy Chase. The needs of our Chevy Chase neighborhood should not be given away. We should be a part of this plan to build the greatest library and community center the city has ever seen. Not count on a developer to design (and own!) this with our best interests at heart. I don't believe that will happen. We have a lot at stake and a lot to gain by this investment in the future. Please don't give away our chance to accomplish this.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca McClimans', is positioned above the typed address. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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