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To: DC Zoning Commission: zcsubmissions@dc.gov
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Dear Commissioners:

We are writing in regards to Zoning case 23-25. I believe this case was set down improperly. It should be a contested case. I believe that Chevy Chase residents deserve their rights to a contested case on this issue.

To be clear: We oppose the city of DC giving private developers the right to build on public land that is actively being used by the public.

I also believe the RFP process was flawed. Note that this RFP allows for building height of up to 80 ft and 60% lot coverage, which would eliminate actively used ball court, children's play area, reading area and community gathering space outside the library and community center, along with on-site parking. Note that Mayor Bowser herself used the public outdoor space that would disappear under this RFP to address the neighbors during the recent Chevy Chase Day. How ironic!

We are also concerned that small independent business in the area will suffer, since the RFP includes the potential commercial use of the space.

The zoning proposed for this location is completely out of sync with existing land uses and the neighborhood. It will not give the neighborhood more affordable housing — it will give the neighborhood more luxury housing. result in more affordable housing.

There are other locations nearby that would be more suitable for the development of housing without compromising the precious community resources of the library, community center and open space. These locations include the area near the defunct bus terminal on Connecticut Ave as the nearby Safeway property. There is no need to give away public land when such resources exist nearby. History has shown that once this public land has been turned over to private developers they will be charging high rents and then turn around and sell the development at a substantial profit.

Please allow Chevy Chase residents their rights to a contested case in Zoning case 23-25.

Kind regards,
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