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Dear Zoning Commission,

RE: Chevy Chase Commons; Zoning case 23-25

Fundamentally, I am opposed to giving private developers building rights on public lands, still used for public use. I believe that we are in great need of public land for public amenities for both outdoor and indoor spaces. This shared space is what makes community and helps communities thrive.

The proposed rezoning will provide a gift of public land - the Chevy Chase Commons Park, Library and Community Center - to developers for their financial equations and not for the social equation needed for our community.

This rezoning will not lower housing costs in DC. You will, by upzoning the Connecticut Ave corridor in Ward 3, lose 1000s of Naturally Occurring Affordable Homes in rent-controlled buildings. Our Chevy Chase workforce - teachers, police, retail workers, etc., - will be displaced by your actions, as workforce housing has been lost in every other densified and gentrified DC neighborhood. You will displace the Chevy Chase small businesses just as small business have been lost in every other densified and gentrified DC neighborhood. You will harm the residents of the Chevy Chase community with incalculable loss, if you vote for upzoning Chevy Chase.

Zoning case 23-25 was set down improperly; Chevy Chase residents deserve their rights to a contested case, so that we can present evidence and cross-examine witnesses, and so that we will have the right to appeal the zoning decision.

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