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Dear Commissioners:

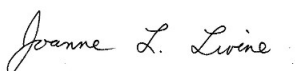
I protest the decisions to upzone parts of Chevy Chase and to declare that the Chevy Chase Library, Community Center, gardens, playground, and ball court are “surplus property,” and to award that area to private developers.

Far from being “surplus,” those facilities are actively used and highly valued by residents of the Chevy Chase neighborhood, including myself. It is completely inappropriate to hand that public space over to private developers, who will create primarily high-rent apartments for their own profit.

There is no reason to give away our public space when there are other spaces that are under-utilized and more appropriate for development – for example, the west side of the block north of Northampton Street, where numerous small businesses have failed; the bus shelter just south of Chevy Chase Circle; and the vacant lot at Connecticut and Morrison.

The proposed upzoning of the Connecticut Avenue corridor in Ward 3 will cause the loss of hundreds, if not thousands, of affordable homes in rent-controlled buildings. It also will likely displace small businesses in Chevy Chase, the same way that small businesses have disappeared in other DC neighborhoods after they were densified and gentrified.

Lastly, 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 a zoning decision.



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