

- Good evening. My name is Carolyn Mitchell and I am the District 3 Representative for the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly.
- My neighbors and I believe the ballpark will bring exciting new development to our city.
- However, we strongly encourage the Commission, city leaders, and the Nationals owners to make decisions on parking that will serve the long-term and year-round interests of our community.
- We support underground parking because it will provide better development opportunities on all sides of the stadium—housing, stores, restaurants, and businesses that will serve our community residents and visitors all year round.
- Our community deserves the same type of good development decisions that were made when the Verizon Center was built. No one would ever dream of building above-ground parking garages downtown and they shouldn't be considered for the new stadium site either.
- Thank you for this opportunity to share our concerns with the Commission.