

My name is Robert Krause, in live at 2256 13th Street Northeast in Washington, D.C, and for the record I am testifying in opposition to the proposed re-zoning of McMillian Park. I have served as an historian and preservationist at the federal, state, and local government levels for over ten years, and hold a doctoral degree in United States History and Historic Preservation. It is my professional opinion that the re-zoning request for McMillian Development Project will have an immediate and irreversible impact upon the McMillian Park Reservoir Historic District. In addition to being listed in the National Register of Historic Places, McMillian Park Reservoir Historic District is a contributing resource in the cultural, historic, and social fabric of the District of Columbia. Because of its role in the history of the city, the Park is an inherently unique greenspace that should be preserved. There are storm water and drainage issues associated with this zoning reclassification, along with the potential for an exponential increase in vehicle traffic in an already congested area. Reports associated with this project estimate an increase of 6,000 motor vehicles each day to the intersection of North Capitol Street and Michigan Avenue. This re-zoning request would perpetuate unsustainable commercial development. The high-rise construction within the proposed development would obliterate any remaining vistas and the historic viewshed associated with McMillian Park. Because of the adverse and permanent effect of the proposed development on a park and historic site listed in the National Register of Historic Place, I kindly request that you not approve this re-zoning request. Thank you!