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Anthony Hood, Chairman
DC Zoning Commission

Dear Chairman Hood:

I am writing to express my opposition to the Vision McMillan Partners (VMP) development plan (Case # 13-14) of the historic McMillian sand filtration site due to the negative impact it will have to the surrounding community.

I am concerned that the Vision McMillan development will aggravate existing parking issues, increase traffic and overall congestion, and will negatively affect the ability of ambulances of reaching the hospital complex. As a twenty four year resident of the community I have observed a significant increase in density as abandoned homes and apartment buildings are redeveloped and single family homes are subdivided into condominiums with pop-ups. This incremental increase in density, and resulting congestion, will surge if this development is realized and will aggravate an existing difficult situation proportionately. It will destroy precisely what this community needs to mitigate this increased density, precious open space.

The city has ignored citizen opposition to the development of the McMillan site favoring revenue generation during a time when the coffers are overflowing. There is ample underutilized privately owned industrial land in the ward that could be developed rather than his publicly held historic site. At a time when the density of the city is increasing dramatically, an existing historic public open space is proposed to be developed for a profit while negatively impacting the quality of life of nearby residents.

The wonderful historic cathedral-like underground caverns of the McMillan sand filtration plant, the majority of which will be destroyed but the VMP plan, provide unique opportunity to create a truly creative and innovative destination park worthy of the Nation's Capital.

Sincerely yours,



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