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Sent: Thursday, November 24, 2016 8:16 AM
To: DCOZ - ZC Submissions (DCOZ)
Subject: I Support the DC United Soccer Stadium at Buzzard Point

Dear DC Zoning Commission,

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
441 4th Street NW, Suite 200S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: ZC Case No. 16-02 – D.C. United Stadium

As a resident of the District of Columbia, and of SW, I write to express my opposition to the proposed new soccer stadium for DC United.

The transportation infrastructure is not ready for the addition on another stadium that would be essentially across the street from the Nationals Ball Park. Already on baseball game nights (which are often weeknights at rush hour) the roads and highways (South Capitol St, 395, 695, etc) become more choked than DC's already overcrowded roads can handle. Metro stations and trains leading to Navy Yard are so full of people, the only way to get everyone on board trains would be to employ Japan's method of "pushers". And since games are at peak travel times there's not much availability for extra trains. And to top it off, every side street for half a mile around the stadium fills up with the cars of people who don't want to or can't park in the stadium parking lots.

And DC really wants to put another stadium just across the street from this -- in an area that is currently used to hold overflow parking for baseball games? What happens when there's a soccer game and baseball game on the same night?

And that doesn't at all take into account the social aspects of putting a brand new stadium in that part of town. There are already vibrant communities of people living around where the stadium will be constructed. Many of these people w'll be displaced as the price of land goes beyond what renters can afford, as homeowners sell their properties to allow high rise apartment and condo buildings. This isn't like the Navy Yard where the region was almost entirely dilapidated government buildings that needed to be replaced anyway. This project would negatively affect the lives of real DC citizens with family histories here that go back generations.

Southwest is already revitalizing. The changes to the wharf are going to bring significant growth that will organically reach out to the areas where the soccer stadium is being proposed. Why slam another stadium down into an area already saturated with summer sports?

The DC United stadium is in a fine place. Instead of making a new one, why don't we revitalize the stadium we have now? Instead of displacing DC history, why not expand and improve on the history that already exists?

DC Zoning Commission, please do not approve the proposed soccer stadium.

Sincerely,

Regards,
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