



COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, SUITE 106
WASHINGTON, DC 20004

JACK EVANS
Councilmember, Ward 2
Chair, Committee on Finance and Revenue

Office (202) 724-8058
Fax (202) 724-8023
jackevans@dccouncil.us

November 21, 2016

Chairman Anthony Hood
D.C. Zoning Commission
441 4th Street NW, Suite 200S
Washington, DC 20001
zcsubmissions@dc.gov

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

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission:

I write to offer my support for the proposed D.C. United Stadium and to ask the Commission to approve the application. The stadium is an important project for the future of the District, and I look forward to the many benefits that it will bring.

I have been involved with the effort to develop a new stadium for DC United for many years and have worked closely with the team to make this exciting new sports venue a reality. Not only will the stadium be a state-of-the art facility for D.C. United and its fans, it will be an important marker of the District's identity as a sport and culture center for the region.

The new stadium will be a strong driver of the economic development of the District, generally, and Buzzard Point, specifically. The stadium will generate new jobs, visitors, and activity in a largely overlooked part of the city. More generally, the stadium will be the catalyst for the redevelopment of Buzzard Point with new residences, retail, and offices; this will result in new tax revenue and jobs for District residents.

I have closely followed the evolution of the plans for the stadium, and I believe that the most recent site plan and design of the stadium are of the highest quality. The ground level activation of the stadium and its environs will be a significant asset to the neighborhood. The plaza and public park will add an excellent public amenity to the neighborhood for years to come. The retail along the east side of the stadium will facilitate continual activity around the stadium and will bring new services and shopping options to the neighborhood.

D.C. United has been an excellent contributor to the community for 20 plus years, through its many programs, and the new stadium will help them continue and expand that part of their mission. In order for the District to realize the new stadium's many benefits, I urge the Commission to approve the stadium without delay.

Sincerely,


Jack Evans
Councilmember, Ward 2

ZONING COMMISSION
District of Columbia
CASE NO.16-02
EXHIBIT NO.80