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FOR BUZZARD POINT RESIDENTS

The time to approve the design for the new DC United Stadium is here. Elected officials have done their part to deliver the team the land. But the stadium design leaves the neighborhood behind instead of delivering the "world-class" and "state-of-the-art home" the team promised. The proposal from D.C. United's out-of-town owners is not in the interest of the local community or the long-term future of Buzzard Point.



The first vision for the stadium was something DC could be proud of. But new plans show that DC United's out of town owners have something very different in mind. One D.C. Zoning Board Commissioner said the plan "reminds me of a prison". The Washington Post called it a "bait and switch" from the original and said it "doesn't inspire a ton of confidence" and "looks like something from a lower-tier soccer league." How does the proposed stadium design leave the community in the cold?

1 No Stadium Parking Means Parking Problems in the Neighborhood. The plan only identifies 3,950 parking spots for the 20,000 fans – and most of the parking is far north of Nationals Park. Only 450 spots are on the stadium side of South Capitol Street. That means street congestion and parking difficulty for local residents during games and as development grows.

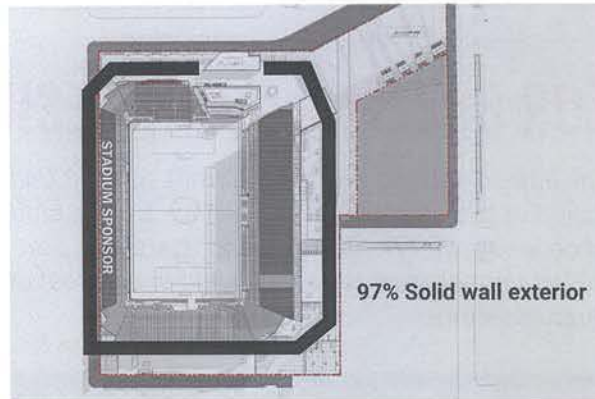


2 Creation of the 1st Street, SW "Alley" Will Mean Traffic Problems. The proposed design turns 1st Street, SW to a functioning alley. Lack of retail and restaurants will mean limited traffic on 1st Street, and more traffic up and down 2nd Street through the existing neighborhood.



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3 **No potential for future shops/retail – and for local jobs.** Ninety-seven percent of the stadium exterior is solid wall, with no future potential for development and local retail and restaurant jobs. The only available retail or restaurant space is currently occupied by the store that will sell D.C. United t-shirts and gear. Instead of providing locations for local businesses – and local jobs – the stadium will become a mega-block with no access, no retail and no opportunity for future development.



4 **Without a full canopy, stadium noise will pour into the neighborhood.** The team's own noise study shows 60-70 decibels of noise – or the equivalent of a running vacuum cleaner – as far north as M Street, SW



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Contact Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen at (202) 724-8072 and thank him for standing with residents and the local community.