

## **ANC 3/4G Fall 2021 Information Exchange Series**

**Thursday, September 30, 2021**

### **Session 2: “Perspectives of High-Rise Residents”**

**Kristina Svensson, single mother of two teenagers; Eric Spence, single father of two grown children; and Maria Sims, single mother, Native Washingtonian, and longstanding President, La Reine Tenants Association**

**Commissioner Chang (3/4G-05) as host/moderator**

**Commissioner Higgins (3/4G-02) present**

**Commissioner Gosselin (3/4G-04) present**

### **Q&As and Chat**

#### **CHAT LOG**

From Connie Chang to Host and Panelists:

Welcome to the ANC 3/4G Fall 2021 Information Exchange Series! This is Session 2: “Perspectives of High-Rise Residents in Chevy Chase, DC,” with Kristina Svensson, single mother of two teenagers; Eric Spencer, single father of two grown children; and Maria Sims, single mother, native Washingtonian, and longstanding President, La Reine Tenants Association. ANC 3/4G-05 Commissioner Connie Chang will be the host and moderator for this session.

Please type in your first and last name (and your organization, if you wish) to identify yourself. Please use the Q&A to ask questions and use the chat to make comments addressed to either the host/panelists or to everyone.

This panel session is being recorded and will be uploaded to the ANC website: [anc3g.org](http://anc3g.org). For upcoming sessions, please bookmark the announcements page to find links to video recordings of previous sessions as well as Zoom log-in and call-in details for upcoming sessions. We will be meeting the next three Thursdays, Oct 7, 14, 21. If there is a need, we may also have a session on Oct 28th. Here is the announcement page for you to bookmark: <https://anc3g.org/agenda/announcement-info-exchange-series-re-input-on-chevy-chase-small-area-plan/>.

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00:00:00 From Jamie Butler to Host and Panelists: Hi Connie and guests. Looking forward to the conversation!

00:00:00 From Connie K N Chang, ANC 3/4G-05 to Jamie Butler, Host and Panelists: Hi Jamie, good to see you here.

00:23:57 Carl Lankowski: thanks for organizing this!

00:24:31 Ron Eichner: I would like to thank Commissioner Chang for putting together these Information Exchanges. They are really a valuable resource for the community.

00:31:20 Stuart: Kristina mentioned she would like to see more things on Connecticut Ave that 'we are all looking for', I would appreciate it if she elaborated on what she is looking for in the neighborhood. Thanks

00:31:57 Connie K N Chang, ANC 3/4G-05: Yes, I will definitely ask Kristina to share.

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00:49:56 Stuart: I don't recall if Eric said, but I would be interested in the percentage of apartments that were made "affordable" in his building and has anyone done the research to learn what percent of apartments are "affordable" in other apartment buildings on Connecticut Ave in CCDC?

00:51:25 Eric Spencer, Panelist: Stuart, I want to say it is 12-20% of affordable apartments in my building.

00:51:49 Jeff Norman: Will there be time for other attendees to introduce themselves and add their perspectives.

00:52:31 Connie K N Chang, ANC 3/4G-05: Jeff, do you mean yourselves as attendees? Do you live in the apt blogs?

00:54:18 Stuart: Thanks, Eric

00:54:45 Ron Eichner: @Stuart: new development that up-zones or uses the Planned Unit Development (PUD) process will probably have about 15 - 20% affordable units. District owned property like the Community Center could conceivably be redeveloped with high percentages

01:01:18 Jeff Norman: I live in the Garfield. I'm on the Board of the Garfield and was a former President of the Garfield. About 20 years ago, I was an ANC Commissioner representing the district that Peter Gosselin now represents. I'm also a member of Ward 3 Vision which advocates for greater density and smart growth. I have lived in the neighborhood for 45 years. I was young when I moved here and now I am old. I like the fact that many residents live here for decades; and that's true of both the apartment dwellers and home owners.

01:02:03 Carl Lankowski: How can ChCh offer more affordable housing: join us Wed. 6 Oct. 7:30 for first visioning of future built environment CT Ave ChCh Circle to Livingston St. Register for free event: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/picture-the-plan-lets-talk-about-shaping-the-future-of-chevy-chase-dc-tickets-176448160197>

01:03:18 John Higgins, ANC 3/4G-02: Ownership implies either a condo arrangement or a cooperative versus renting in a multiple occupancy in a multistory building, so how do panelists react to that. -- Comm Higgins

01:07:47 Jeff Norman: As a 45 year resident of Chevy Chase and a Garfield condo owner, I would like to offer some perspectives. Jeff Norman

01:18:03 Ron Eichner: Thank you Comm Gore. 65% of the residents of the SAP area live in the apartments and condos

01:18:47 Lisa Gore, ANC 3/4G-01: Thanks Ron! We definitely need to hear their voices!!

01:20:42 erkin ozberk: Hey everyone, here is the link to the June presentation with the data Commissioner Chang mentioned, on slide 13:  
<https://publicinput.com/Customer/File/Full/60fdd37f-8610-463d-81c0-99e5b62ef85c>

01:20:47 Peter Lynch: In La Reine there are 91 occupied apartments. Many with multiple people. The SAP has heard from 99 people that identify as living on the Ct Ave

corridor. There are about 10 apartment buildings in the SAP. To give you an idea of numbers.

01:22:39 John Higgins, ANC 3/4G-02: All panelists thank you encourage your neighbors to participate in the small area plan process Comm Higgins

01:23:48 Ron Eichner: As Mr. Norman implies, there is an affordability crisis across the entire spectrum of housing types. We need to increase the amount of officially affordable housing, but also provide a wider diversity of housing options to support a diversity of residents

01:25:20 Stuart: The plot of land with the library and rec center used to be the site of a public school. As has been suggested previously, that site could be redeveloped with a multi-use public building: public school, rec center, and library. We must have more public school and related capacity if we are to increase neighborhood density.

01:25:55 Jamie Butler: Thanks to Connie for organizing this program and thanks to all the panelists. Very interesting conversation.

01:30:19 Stuart: I love that Kristina mentioned the small town feel. If you haven't seen it, a book "Small Town in the Big City" was written by CCDC residents in 2006: <https://chevyCHASEhistory.pastperfectonline.com/library/0B39E0F1-4C10-4A4D-9E1C-303741978570>

01:30:57 Ron Eichner: This has been a great discussion. Thank you Commissioner Chang!

01:31:04 Stuart: I mis-wrote: 2005

01:31:05 Peter Lynch: Block party is a good start

01:32:02 Peter Lynch: Regular Farmers market/craft market in the neighborhood

01:33:05 Stuart: Where is the farmers market you are talking about?

01:33:33 Lisa Gore, ANC 3/4G-01: It's at Lafayette Elementary School

01:34:09 Stuart: Thanks all. Very interesting and helpful discussion.

01:34:23 erkin ozberk: Thanks for these suggestions! Public spaces are where we come together in our neighborhoods and helps to break down silos in our city. The next

phase of the SAP will be to explore ways to integrate opportunities for greater public life in Chevy Chase's physical environment.

01:35:15 Carl Lankowski: thank you to all panelists for a very enlightening discussion. Hope to see you on the Avenue!

01:35:22 Stuart: Erkin, are you an Office of Planning person?

01:36:03 erkin ozberk: Please comment on the draft vision and goals here: <https://publicinput.com/chevychase>

01:36:21 erkin ozberk: there are printed copies in the chevy chase library as well!

01:36:37 Peter Lynch: Thanks everyone!

01:36:53 erkin ozberk: Hi Stuart, yes I am. You can reach me at [erkin.ozberk@dc.gov](mailto:erkin.ozberk@dc.gov)