

Mayor's Update on Housing Equity in Rock Creek West and Other Affordable Housing Announcements at Chevy Chase Community Center

ANC 3/4G Chair Randy Speck
Opening Remarks

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Those of us who live and shop in Chevy Chase and use the Community Center and Library are proud of our neighborhood, but we know that it can be even better. While we have many small businesses that have served us for years, we know that they will benefit from more customers nearby and the vibrancy that those residents will bring to the Avenue. We value and want to preserve the best attributes of our community that make it most attractive, but we also want to incorporate a positive vision for the future. In particular, we want to become more inclusive and diverse so that we can share the benefits of this community more broadly.

Our hope for this campus is that it will become the iconic symbol of the Chevy Chase gateway into the District — a town center that is as diverse and inclusive as the District itself. A modern Community Center will be a gathering spot for cultural, athletic, social, and civic activities that serve the entire range of our community. The library will continue the District's recent history of architecturally distinctive facilities that are keyed to 21st century needs. Most importantly, we can take advantage of this public space to add housing, with a large component of work force and deeply affordable housing so that we can do our part in addressing the District's housing crisis.

From the beginning, this has been a community-driven initiative. We look forward to continuing to work with the community to convey its needs and desires to the District agencies so that we can make these ambitious goals a reality.