

Q24 Finally, is there an issue you feel is important that we did not ask about, or do you have a comment you wish to make? (100 character limit)

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I have heard many arguments against redeveloping the site, none of them very convincing.	11/12/2023 3:25 PM
2	Transportation is an issue since the E-4 bus is about to be rerouted down Military only the L-2 bus will be available and the nearest Metro is a mile away.. The Friendship heights area offers more transportation and also has good schools. Ward 3 has many rent-controlled apartments at lower rents and bigger apartments than what is envisioned for the Commons. Also many children use the facilities and those who live in nearby apartments really appreciate the playground, the sports court and the green space to run and climb trees. Filling the space with 100+ apartments would also eliminate space for the summer camp used by children from all wards.	11/11/2023 7:36 PM
3	I am very concerned about affordable housing and do not want it.	11/11/2023 5:21 PM
4	I do not support bethesdizing ConnecticutAve blocking sunlight, air,gridlock traffic,. There are too many vacant buildings looking for tenants, businesses are fleeing, I don't want to see Conn Ace built up with 80 ft buildings.	11/11/2023 5:21 PM
5	There is a traffic issue along this corridor and bringing more people in without addressing parking is a severe issue. The businesses along this stretch are damaged by the lack of space for people to park due to the bikes and commuters.	11/9/2023 8:39 AM
6	I support affordable housing wholeheartedly but don't believe the current plans will really ensure affordable housing while also including a state of the art library and community center and maintain ample green space.	11/7/2023 10:18 PM
7	Low income and very low income affordable housing: these residents should be provided wrap-around social services from therapy, to financial counseling to job counseling, life skills (caring for one's home; educational support for children; grocery shopping) as appropriate	11/6/2023 3:05 PM
8	I don't get why this is the only option for affordable housing & tall apt bldgs in this area, which I do not oppose.	11/6/2023 10:35 AM
9	I've lived more than 40 years in this neighborhood and consider it one of the unique treasures of DC. It is a wonderful balance of all a healthy neighborhood should be: more than a dozen restaurants within walking distance , a thriving bookstore one of the only ones in the entire city: a movie theater which is one of the last remaining such theaters in the country; much needed personal services shops such as hairdressers and manicurists; a fresh fish stores which draws people from all over the city; several drug stores serving a vast majority of neighborhood needs: a grocery store; a library & community center. Such a balance is one of the reasons there is little to no crime in the area. I strong believe that adding low income housing would change and ruin that balance. NO development please!	11/6/2023 9:23 AM
10	As for parking: I am mobile but in my 80's. I would walk to the library/community center as much as I am able. I would use underground parking during inclement weather and later when walking the distance might be more challenging.	11/6/2023 9:23 AM
11	On next survey, provide specific information; eg: on questions about underground parking, specify where the entrance would be, whether additional stop signs would be installed, whether additional stop lights would be installed.	11/5/2023 10:10 PM
12	I wish the survey would have provided ranked choices for several of the above questions. For example, I do not support housing at the site, but if redevelopment is going to occur I would have liked to provide my preferences for that development..	11/5/2023 9:49 PM
13	Why give developers a sweetheart deal for housing instead of converting empty office space in the city.	11/5/2023 8:28 PM

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14	I prefer that the developer be a not-for-profit organization. I see no need for more housing for the wealthy in the neighborhood and am not sure how well low-income and wealthy populations could mix in a building.	11/5/2023 2:11 PM
15	If the buildings are tall, there should be commercial retail/food on Conn. street level	11/5/2023 9:17 AM
16	Maintain consistency with other Library/Community centers within the District that do not have housing included with redevelopment of the facility.	11/5/2023 8:59 AM
17	Please make any changes consistent with our existing, beloved neighborhood	11/4/2023 3:20 PM
18	The area has recently had several car jackings and there appears to be a great deal of speeding .	11/4/2023 3:08 PM
19	Redevelop empty office space for housing instead of giving developers sweetheart deals (take WH up on its office conversion initiative)	11/4/2023 1:19 PM
20	We live in a great neighborhood that we couldn't afford to live in with today's prices. This could help give people who aren't upper class a chance to come live here.	11/4/2023 1:03 PM
21	The current plan is too big and too tall and too expansive	11/3/2023 7:02 PM
22	WE DON'T NEED NEW. The area needs cleaned up & refreshed. Remove 50% of the parking. Compact & redesign athletic areas & a small playground. Redesign & expand gardens to be pleasant, safe child accessible, but not child-oriented. Improve existing facade appearances. Re-paint, re-carpet & better use indoor spaces.	11/3/2023 4:37 PM
23	It is important for this section of DC to have some/more affordable housing.	11/3/2023 4:00 PM
24	safe access to underground parking, including traffic lights.	11/3/2023 2:16 PM
25	This survey is drafted like the housing project is been decided.	11/3/2023 1:06 PM
26	The existing local public transport system is not sufficient to support any extra housing in this specific area	11/2/2023 3:09 PM
27	I strongly support multiple indoor and outdoor pickleball courts (including a practice wall).	11/1/2023 9:33 PM
28	On the whole, the developers of housing in the DC are building crappy, though shiny-looking units. I really mourn the loss of many of the very characteristic DC streetscapes to these ugly, generic buildings. I would hate to see this corner of DC also fall to that shortsighted trend.	11/1/2023 9:19 PM
29	Thank you for the information page. I wasn't aware of this and I think it is great that we have the opportunity to add affordable housing to a new Library and CC!	11/1/2023 7:03 PM
30	The residents living nearest to this site should have more imput than the residents who don't. The proposed bike lanes are also an issue because DC wants to increase the density yet severely deduct the footprint of Chevy Chase. The impact of this would be Horrible!	11/1/2023 4:53 PM
31	I favor a mix of incomes in the affordable housing units and some market rate housing if needed to make the project viable.	10/31/2023 9:23 PM
32	There is no reason to treat the community center and library as separate facilities since they serve common functions. The library system should not be burdened with functions and spaces that are ancillary to its mission, budget and operational expertise. The existing community center appears taller and more massive than it is due to its uninspiring architecture. A well designed taller structure will not appear much different from the sidewalk. This project should be coordinated with rehabilitation of the bus turnaround station.	10/31/2023 8:52 PM
33	I think maintaining public use of this space in The center of Chevy Chase is important to our community.	10/31/2023 3:19 PM
34	Yes! No housing please	10/31/2023 2:55 PM
35	The library and community center are a precious public resource. They should not be diluted by the addition of housing, affordable or otherwise. Let us renovate or rebuild them and put affordable housing on a different site. Let us preserve this space for a WHOLLY public use.	10/31/2023 1:45 PM
36	Do NOT add housing!!! We need a great library and community space!!!	10/31/2023 12:24 PM
37	Room for a Daycare Center	10/31/2023 12:03 PM

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38	I favor reasonable set-back from Connecticut Ave. NW, leaving open space in front of buildings as is now the case.	10/31/2023 12:03 PM
39	DC has enough crime, and this area is pretty safe. As an older person, I want to keep it that way. THat's why we live here.	10/31/2023 11:51 AM
40	I don't want a major disruption of library services during construction	10/31/2023 11:30 AM
41	The Center's primary function should be as a resource for activities of young kids and teenagers. The affordable housing option should be designed not to compromise this function, including the safety of young users: playground space already is at a premium in DC.	10/31/2023 10:57 AM
42	No	10/31/2023 10:12 AM
43	Save the green space, space for sitting outside.	10/31/2023 12:41 AM
44	Increased traffic	10/30/2023 9:25 PM
45	It is important to design the site with an eye to the future. Flexible space that can be used for multiple purposes is critical.	10/30/2023 7:02 PM
46	I do not support housing being built as there are a great number of apartment buildings up and down Connecticut Ave with Section 8 housing available. Space should be developed for other purposes!	10/30/2023 11:51 AM
47	The merchants need more parking including Avalon Theater	10/30/2023 8:33 AM
48	Too many of these questions are all or nothing. I'm more in the middle.	10/29/2023 11:04 PM
49	The questionnaire obscure the crucial fact that either we taxpayers or a developer will pay for updating the neighborhood facilities	10/29/2023 5:47 PM
50	Providing a paper survey to those requesting it	10/29/2023 12:49 PM
51	I favor green space	10/29/2023 12:04 PM
52	How seriously will the results of this survey be considered?	10/29/2023 11:51 AM
53	Renovate our library and leave the space as it is .	10/29/2023 8:07 AM
54	I think we should keep it exactly as it is, space wise, but modernize it for today's users	10/28/2023 6:38 PM
55	I think it very important that we have as much affordable housing as possible on the site. It is equally important that the affordable housing be open to persons of all income levels. While I want as much housing as possible I do not want to lose one square ince of green space. Parking should be underground only and should be dedicated to the disabled, the elderly and those who cannot use public transportation, walk or bike to the civic core.	10/28/2023 2:49 PM
56	If you want to build more housing, you should improve infrastructure first: public transport (light rail down Connecticut Ave, real protected bike lanes, and build a new school.	10/28/2023 1:27 PM
57	This is an inappropriate site for "Affordable" housing	10/28/2023 1:14 PM
58	Setbacks on upper stories to allow light and manage imposition of visual bulk of multi-story building in an area of mostly 2 story buildings.	10/28/2023 9:01 AM
59	It is so important to institute changes in our community to make it more inclusive. Thank you!	10/27/2023 9:07 PM
60	I am glad to hear of this project. I may not like all aspects of having low income housing yet I feel it's important to share the wealth. DC is infamous for having slum lords manage low income housing. It's critical that we have management that cares for the purpose of the project.	10/27/2023 7:48 PM
61	This is a community space, not one to be given over to developers. It should be used for the community good. There is plenty of housing in the neighborhood that could be affordable.	10/27/2023 4:16 PM
62	would development close existing facilities for any time? How much time?	10/27/2023 2:36 PM
63	We have an ethical responsibility to support low income housing in this community. I hope that the wider interests of the city take present over the narrow interests of the neighborhood.	10/26/2023 10:59 PM
64	This is a solution in search of a problem.	10/26/2023 12:20 PM

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65	Housing could be built on the Wells Fargo bank property, leaving the community center for the community.	10/25/2023 10:00 PM
66	No.	10/25/2023 8:57 PM
67	This is public land and no portion of it should be conveyed in any way to a private developer. The land should be used only for a Comm. Center, Library, and outdoor space and sports.	10/25/2023 7:04 PM
68	The fact that the buildings with vouchers to provide housing for underprivileged populations are now having much more crime on Wisconsin and Connecticut, so crime is a concern.	10/25/2023 4:07 PM
69	employ some of the residents at the retail space + community activities. provide social support residents in need at the community center	10/25/2023 10:24 AM
70	I fully support construction of a new library and community center. Please do not be dissuaded by the vocal objectors. The current facilities are outdated, and new facilities would rejuvenate the area, which is falling behind other neighborhoods in Northwest.	10/25/2023 9:38 AM
71	I do not support giving public land to real estate developers.	10/25/2023 7:05 AM
72	Finding a way to use Safeway and Wells Fargo properties to better advantage	10/24/2023 2:00 PM
73	Re: the housing question: I support keeping public land in public hands. We believe that Ward 3 and Chevy Chase Specifically needs social housing as outlined by Janeese Lewis George. Further we believe that the best location for social housing is at the Wells Fargo Bank across the street and not on the plot of land that currently houses the library and community center and its outdoor green spaces that must be protected. There is every reason to renovate the library and community center modestly and affordably, as they are, and possibly "grow up", by adding a third floor only for additional space. What's not necessary is to demolish these important buildings and throw them into a landfill. Further contributing to unchecked waste that fuels climate change. Further the important community programs like ballet and fencing and the outdoor spaces and children that use cccc and library as a safe after school haven will need as little Disruption as possible.	10/24/2023 9:44 AM
74	As we age, we should consider building trees for which the shade we ourselves will not get to enjoy. Our community forgets this. As a pregnant woman, I would like for my children to grow up in an inclusive neighborhood and meet children in schools who come from all walks of life. Diversity only makes us more worldly. We should also approach city planning with compassion, not coldness to the needs of others.	10/24/2023 9:09 AM
75	It seems like a loud few, many over age 75, are driving the animosity. Consider that many people with young families want this. STOP OPPOSING ALL CHANGE.	10/23/2023 6:16 PM
76	Using existing housing that is unused along Connecticut corridor	10/23/2023 2:52 PM
77	Everyone bitching about this is over 70 - most of you will be dead before this is finished. STFU.	10/23/2023 2:34 PM
78	I very feel that if the site is leased or sold to a private developed, the transaction should be based on the understanding that use of formerly public space carries with it the agreement that the developer can expect only reasonably limited net profits.muted	10/23/2023 1:20 PM
79	It's important that our neighborhood contribute to solving the housing shortage and affordability challenge in the city. I have lived in DC for most of my adult life and owned a house in this neighborhood for 20+ years and I welcome this project!	10/23/2023 10:05 AM
80	The area is full of independent contractors working remotely with nowhere to function. You should ask if there's an interest in a community supported we-work type space -I think even if subsidized it would be self sustaining by those willing to pay stipends for it	10/23/2023 9:36 AM
81	Friendship Heights and Cleveland park libraries were redeveloped without housing - I don't understand why Chevy Chase - a low density area - was chosen for housing attached to the redevelopment of the library and community center! The city can find space in areas closer to Metro lines for developers by offering affordable housing incentives	10/23/2023 9:21 AM
82	We hope that this is a legitimate exercise and that the mayor and city Haber already made the redevelopment with affordable housing decision already. Most people think it's a done deal sadly. This area is our shared public property and has history. It is my sincere hope the land isn't surplus!	10/23/2023 9:19 AM

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83	Next to the library/community center's present space is a low-quality Safeway and a large gas station, which is probably polluting its land. Both of these should be condemned and the land redeveloped. We should be ashamed as to our acceptance of the tenants in the low income housing for disabled veterans already on Connecticut Ave.	10/23/2023 9:02 AM
84	Safety/attention to crime	10/22/2023 11:28 PM
85	If you are going to have underground parking, PLEASE include security cameras as well as security guards on site to ensure the safety of all who park there! Also, PLEASE make sure that there are adult personnel and security guards on staff to provide security for ALL patrons of the community center and library! Our elderly and children need a safe environment. There is too much rampant crime in this area! Homeless people throwing feces at passerby, as well as mugging, as well as the CVS being looted many times, etc! Where are the police?? Fix this area -- do NOT add to the crime problem. Make sure the area is SAFE.	10/22/2023 11:13 PM
86	I support the concept, but have not seen anything in DC to suggest that the developers will actually have affordable housing available to actual low-income DC residents.	10/22/2023 9:43 PM
87	I think it's very important for the site to continue to have outside athletic, play and quiet space. The current outdoor facilities are used constantly and while I have no problem with the buildings being taller than they are now, I would not want the footprint of the outdoor space to decrease	10/22/2023 8:36 PM
88	I would support more above ground parking at neighboring retailers - for example, behind CVS and Magruders. Underground parking seems very disruptive to build. Also, safety in the neighborhood is our number one concern as older kids and adults walk around and use public transport.	10/22/2023 8:31 PM
89	DC Govt has made up their mind for developent. All the meetings & surveys are a sham.	10/22/2023 6:41 PM
90	I unequivocally support affordable housing as the most important issue above use of green space, building characteristics or anything else. Creating affordable housing is a moral necessity.	10/22/2023 6:27 PM
91	Sufficient parking is essential. I am concerned that because underground parking is so expensive to build, there will be limits on parking available for users of the library and community center, as well as residents of the redeveloped property. It will be essential to oversee the development of the RFP so that parking is an essential element.	10/22/2023 6:02 PM
92	Please listen to the residents. There is no desire to redevelop this area.	10/22/2023 4:34 PM
93	Why not a cafe that serves both the library and the community center? Doesn't seem like each would need a separate one.	10/22/2023 3:50 PM
94	It is important to provide affordable housing to working class ("workforce") families in areas of opportunities with good schools like our neighborhood. The affordable units should largely be 2 and 3 bedroom units to support families with kids. More density along Connecticut Avenue, a major road, is the right place to have more density in our neighborhood, and will help support an even more vibrant commercial corridor on the avenue.	10/22/2023 3:48 PM
95	The NIMBYs don't speak for Chevy Chase!	10/22/2023 3:29 PM
96	Turning over the community center and library to a developer, whether for-profit or non-profit, is contrary to the interests of the community and is unethical.	10/22/2023 3:09 PM
97	No	10/21/2023 8:06 AM
98	This site is a great opportunity to open the neighborhood to individuals and families that have historically and currently removed and/or excluded. I look forward to the change and the benefits of diversity and amenities it would bring.	10/20/2023 8:31 PM
99	No Comment	10/19/2023 4:41 PM
100	We in ward 3 need to accept affordable housing.	10/19/2023 3:19 PM
101	We need a usable community center closeby for our son	10/19/2023 1:27 PM
102	My position is: If there really is a need for affordable housing for marginalized groups, housing should be 100% for that purpose. I think the affordable housing + equity gambit is a fig leaf the city is using to give away valuable community amenities and open space away to developers.	10/19/2023 10:30 AM

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If you want affordable housing, you need better public transportation -- because they can't afford cars, right? -- and a local school that can accommodate new families. This site is unsuitable for affordable housing until the city commits to upgrading the rest of the neighborhood so it can accommodate that.

103	The Question about space does not include keeping the same footprint, but going higher. That should be an option.	10/18/2023 11:08 PM
104	DC gov wants CH CH residents to hear them about affordable housing... we say: OK but be reasonable and don't destroy our neighborhood. Will the city hear CH CH? I'm afraid we'll get what they want to please developers FIRST and then maybe what CH CH deserves	10/18/2023 9:32 PM
105	Frankly I don't trust the city to actually listen to the concerns of the residents and take them into consideration. Feels like it's being rammed down our throats.	10/18/2023 8:09 PM
106	I cannot underscore enough how poorly thought out this is. Our schools are overcrowded already. When this has been raised, the planners have stated that they are "working with DCPS" to address this issue. I call bullshit. The overcrowding ramifications have not been addressed. This is a hard no from me as a result.	10/18/2023 7:34 PM
107	The reality is that the crime accompanies poverty. No one-- neither privileged nor poor-- wants to invite that. We have a relatively safe neighborhood now, although it is becoming less so. It makes no sense to import the uncontrollable crime we see in other wards in a good faith effort to alleviate the affordable housing shortage. How about cleaning up and renovating less advantaged wards and recommitting to adequate neighborhood policing?	10/18/2023 3:00 PM
108	Safety issues associated with underground parking	10/18/2023 2:55 PM
109	I fully support the redevelopment of the library and community center. Thank you for your work	10/18/2023 1:13 PM
110	I support competent upkeep of the present library and community center.	10/18/2023 12:45 PM
111	I do not support surplussing any of the current site to provide a for-profit building.	10/18/2023 12:41 PM
112	Land lease rather than sale of land	10/18/2023 12:40 PM
113	Consider a child day care center or adult day care center	10/17/2023 11:01 PM
114	Please strengthen the exiting common space not limiting it by housing development	10/17/2023 3:25 PM
115	design question: I assume that zoning rules require a specific setback/stepdown next to existing houses.	10/17/2023 3:09 PM
116	I'm concerned about easy and safe access to the library.	10/17/2023 2:02 PM
117	I am for low income and affordable housing in DC, According to info received there are many potential sites available. Chevy Chase DC is a gem. Needs to be kept for historical value	10/17/2023 1:48 PM
118	I think it's important to note that whatever height is built on site it would need to step back towards the rear of the parcel so it did not overwhelm the houses currently behind the row of parking.	10/17/2023 11:13 AM
119	housing teachers, police & Fire is a top priority. Classes for all at the community center is important. well lit library also	10/17/2023 8:19 AM
120	I wish to strongly reiterate that the current site for the library and community center continue to be used for those public purposes and not be given over (surplused) to developers for their monetary gain	10/16/2023 10:07 PM
121	Please include a gym in the rec center - there are no close by gym/fitness centers within walking distance	10/15/2023 8:34 AM
122	I don't know why you would even consider taking the only public use property in our neighborhood and turn most of it into housing. The increased density would change the character of the neighborhood completely. We need more community space, not less.	10/14/2023 5:46 PM
123	Proposal invites traffic, parking, & school crowding 'hood can't support	10/14/2023 1:55 PM
124	I strongly support more genuinely affordable housing in Ward 3, but do not believe this is a suitable site. There are much more suitable sites with space, transportation , etc. which the city should pursue.	10/14/2023 12:05 PM

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125	I think it's important to maintain the small-town character here.	10/14/2023 11:40 AM
126	You asked this question, but I want to emphasis the need for green space. Studies have shown the benefits from nature and outdoor living ehances learning for children, and reduces stress with adults.	10/14/2023 10:53 AM
127	Stop redeveloping	10/14/2023 3:39 AM
128	We need to move this project forward and stop listening to all the whining from the NIMBYs.	10/13/2023 9:25 PM
129	Please include a new playground by the library. Bringing my kids to the playground and library has been such a fun, free activity. The current playground is deteriorating and no longer safe - it saddens me so much. I'd hate to see the spot redeveloped without a playground included. There are few in the community that aren't associated with schools	10/13/2023 8:37 PM
130	I think there is a great demand for a community center with activities and events, if only the community center were built to accommodate these activities. The current building is dark and unaccommodating and severely needs remodeling. Finally, there are few, if any, public places to play pickleball. I think this would be very popular. I fear if the parking spaces are taken away, folks will just park on the surrounding streets, which doesn't seem very fair to nearby neighbors. I work for a non-profit and support low-income housing. I don't think the solutions posed are effective public policy for addressing the shortage of low-income housing.	10/13/2023 7:58 PM
131	The proposed recommendation to add low income residents will make the area more congested and an increase in crime.	10/13/2023 7:28 PM
132	No Section 8 in Ward 3. Keep public space and services for all.	10/13/2023 6:13 PM
133	I support the development of affordable housing in the Chevy Chase area, but I do not agree it should be created at the community center and library. The city has other options that it should explore, but I've seen no evidence that the city has done so. There have to be better options, and the city needs to do the work to bring them forward.	10/13/2023 5:45 PM
134	I simply want the library to be rebuilt and modernized and include the type of meeting and performance space that is currently in the community center.	10/13/2023 5:43 PM
135	Traffic congestion created by redevelopment	10/13/2023 5:20 PM
136	Once the E4 bus is rerouted there will be little public transportation to or from the site.	10/13/2023 4:06 PM
137	This is a unique opportunity to use public lands to address the need for new public facilities and the chronic shortage of affordable housing in the District and Ward 3. We should take full advantage of this opportunity.	10/13/2023 4:05 PM
138	The only retail I would support on the site would be a small, quiet, cafe in either the Community Center or Library.	10/13/2023 3:38 PM
139	The bias of the survey writers is evident in question 12. It states that an anticipated result is "fostering social and racial equity" Many of us do not agree. We do not think the project will actual foster social and racial equity. I the end money will be given to developers and they will be permitted to take away the amenities of the community with a token very few apartments available for low income families.	10/13/2023 3:03 PM
140	I believe the Mayor and City Council should solicit public input at the beginning of a proposed project. I would also hope that any survey of this type would be available to every member of the affected SMD, even those without internet	10/13/2023 2:06 PM