

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)

Answered: 129 Skipped: 228

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	A community center and library are crucial to our neighborhood. Housing is not appropriate.	11/12/2023 11:21 PM
2	We need a lot more affordable housing in DC and it makes sense for Chevy Chase DC. Thank you for asking!	11/12/2023 8:25 PM
3	Not sure that redevelopment is the way to go in an area that has been developed.	11/12/2023 5:47 PM
4	Overall, I think it is important to update the Library and Community Center along with maximizing the availability of affordable housing to the greatest extent possible.	11/12/2023 4:19 PM
5	underground parking: not sure if that is with parking fee.	11/12/2023 3:45 PM
6	My overall concern is not a share in affordable housing but non trust of DEVELOPERS actions. We have thousands of square feet of empty office space that could be retrofitted from downtown to uptown. Put energy there and repurpose.	11/12/2023 3:35 PM
7	Yes, I do not support redevelopment of the community center and library in a way that will reduce public green space. We have so little public green space; this is the only open space near Connecticut Avenue and the shopping corridor. It is not surplus. I also do not support adding in housing. I do not think it is necessary.	11/12/2023 2:42 PM
8	I do not support redevelopment of the community center and library to reduce public green space or adding in housing. Tge land should be used to meet community gathering rather than a limited amount of housing. If the city wants to provide subsidized housing pay for it directly rather than taking away community space.	11/12/2023 2:39 PM
9	My responses to these survey questions reflect that I am 100 percent against the District of Columbia giving over public property to private developers.	11/12/2023 5:13 AM
10	The library and community center, with its small park, should remain city property.	11/11/2023 4:03 PM
11	It is important that redevelopment of the Community Center and Library site focus on improving existing facilities, providing adequate useful open space and easy parking, and providing a sense of a special place for the Chevy Chase community.	11/10/2023 3:14 PM
12	Please DO NOT surplus any portion of this site	11/8/2023 5:37 AM
13	No affordable housing on a public space for art and the community.	11/7/2023 8:50 PM
14	No affordable housing Please!!!	11/7/2023 6:52 PM
15	Affordable housing is a laudable goal, but not on the current community center/library site. There other locations that would be preferable.	11/6/2023 10:05 PM
16	CRIME	11/6/2023 12:47 PM
17	My husband and I moved up here from Capitol Hill because of the mature trees and green space and lower density. The city should not force into communities like this one development projects that will stick out like a sore thumb (high rises along what otherwise is like a nice smaller town Main Street)	11/6/2023 12:08 PM
18	Too much of the city is over developed. Smaller, less dense development is what makes Chevy Chase unique.	11/5/2023 10:27 PM
19	Is there coordination with the Safeway to be enlarged : improved to support more ppl. How is the ongoing / uptick in crime going to be addressed; this is an alarming issue. There are empty Apts in the Keore and other bldgs in 20015 - why build more? Can't those buildings accommodate the need / lack of housing ? That building at the corner of Conn Ave and Military	11/5/2023 6:49 PM

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is not nearly at capacity. We don't need to build more. Ch Ch DC residents do not want their avenue to look like Tenleytown with high rises. That is one of the important reasons why we moved to this neighborhood — because of the quaint scale

20	No housing at Library site.	11/5/2023 3:49 PM
21	Support people, yes. Housing- a good idea, but can the intended population afford the taxes? If you invite a younger population, can the current overly populated school system support them? Can the infrastructure, as is, support a larger population? I fear most of the benefit will be directly to the developers. support	11/5/2023 2:37 PM
22	Mayor Bowsver has already destroyed this neighborhood with voucher assistance for people who need services that are not available, creating a sharp increase in crime and many other unsolvable problems. No further "affordable housing " should be created without Bowser cleaning up the mess she already made.	11/4/2023 2:03 PM
23	Strongly anc to focus affordable housing on the site as workforce housing only	11/3/2023 6:53 PM
24	Increased traffic and crime	11/3/2023 1:55 PM
25	I really hope you do a thorough study of the potential impact on crime in the area before making any decision	11/3/2023 10:46 AM
26	Tearing down a fully functional library solely to create room for other projects would be a waste of taxpayer dollars. And permanently eliminating a free-standing library would be a terrible statement of community priorities.	11/3/2023 9:53 AM
27	There should be some office space for non-profit groups which work for the community such as limited health services.	11/2/2023 11:10 AM
28	Developers should be encouraged to ensure architecture consistent with the immediate neighborhood and streetscape	11/1/2023 5:24 PM
29	Save the site from developers.	10/31/2023 6:22 PM
30	Do not want to change the character of the current space. Building height and density has destroyed Bethesda.	10/31/2023 4:22 PM
31	I do not want to turn this area of Conn. Ave into Bethesda	10/31/2023 2:31 PM
32	Why is this survey rigged against development? Almost every question has an option to express categorical opposition to development? Why not offer the same option to those of us who feel the opposite?	10/31/2023 11:59 AM
33	Protecting school and safety is critical	10/31/2023 11:55 AM
34	There was a lack of emphasis throughout this entire survey about the loss of green space and "commons" areas, or the possibilities or putting affordable housing at many other underutilized locations throughout the city if the DC govt chose to give proper incentives.	10/31/2023 8:04 AM
35	This is a very leading survey designed to bias those in favor of redevelopment towards a negative viewpoint	10/30/2023 8:32 PM
36	The library/community center site is on a major DC thoroughfare, with retail blocks that would benefit from greater residential density. It is a perfect site for development, including low-income housing, and will cause no harm to people who live in single-family homes a block or more away.	10/30/2023 4:13 PM
37	Proposal is unrealistic. Only winner would be developer, everyone else loses.	10/30/2023 3:48 PM
38	The new or renovated center should be in keeping with the surrounding buildings and the site should have a large amount of open space for recreation just as it does now since that is in short supply in the surrounding neighborhood. The city should purchase an existing apartment building in the area for assisted housing and keep the community center/library use separate.	10/30/2023 2:27 PM
39	Vouchers for homeless individuals/families without appropriate support services are a disservice to all. Look at what is happening along Connecticut Avenue.	10/30/2023 1:23 PM
40	Areas to build social connection; Socially-designed infrastructure; Green space	10/30/2023 9:37 AM
41	We would welcome grocery stores such as Trader's Joe or Whole Foods	10/30/2023 8:27 AM

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42	I would not like to see the basic character of this area changed.	10/29/2023 8:15 PM
43	Excellent survey.	10/29/2023 7:50 PM
44	No	10/29/2023 7:26 PM
45	Good parking for easy access to Library, please.	10/29/2023 12:14 PM
46	The DC government is trying to push through turning over of public land to commercial interests. I am not opposed to a reasonable amount of low-income housing, but it should not be at the expense of destroying a valuable public asset that serves the Chevy Chase community. When Regency House was turned into public housing over 50 years ago, I was involved with a group that welcomed the new residents into the community. I became friendly with several of the residents and brought my infant daughter (now 54 years old) to visit at Regency House. Several ladies often babysat with my children and were very generous with advice to me as a young mother. That is the way to build community.	10/29/2023 11:14 AM
47	Over growing communities definitely has its drawbacks in today's world.	10/28/2023 10:19 PM
48	ABSOLUTELY NO HOUSING. DO NOT DEVELOP HOUSING HERE. THIS IS FOR THE COMMUNITY. NOT FOR HOUSING.	10/28/2023 9:07 PM
49	The buildings could be expanded to closer to sidewalk on Conn.& Northampton, Surface parking is a must. Because of staffing and different operational methods/standards it should be 2 sep. bldgs.	10/28/2023 7:47 PM
50	Don't want redevelopment; community center in bowels of building; loss of green space; no penthouse or high priced housing; no sale of community land for little money; look at Friendship Heights development where community center is hard to find and in the bowels of the building; Connecticut Avenue has so many apartment vacancies so there is no need for more housing. City should use vacancies to use for low income housing not give away community center to a developer no to redevelopment! Renovation would be good but not by giving a sweet deal to a developer!	10/28/2023 6:24 PM
51	I would think about having space that you could rent out for classes not necessarily run by dc, such as yoga, children's dance, adult woodworking, etc. dc rec offered classes are far less than potential demand. It could be such a vibrant community resource center if you did not limit it to dc Rec.	10/28/2023 5:43 PM
52	It is vital to ensure broad community acceptance of any new housing there. That doesn't mean unanimity; it does mean over 2/3 are well satisfied. Affordable housing should be ownership, not rental. Use a creative approach like a community land trust.	10/28/2023 4:49 PM
53	I do not in any way support any type of expanded development of the area that includes any type of housing. I do not support making the building bigger in footprint or height. In no way do any of my answers support expanded development other than reasonable renovations for the current space.	10/28/2023 4:29 PM
54	Surplussing public land is a terrible idea. Unless 100% of the units are affordable housing run by a nonprofit this is a shameful giveaway to developers.	10/28/2023 4:12 PM
55	This project is too dense, effectively eliminates community buildings, and removes open green space. It should be terminated.	10/28/2023 4:05 PM
56	There are racist people in the community that don't understand how their opposition to redevelopment perpetuates harm. And not to mention the existing rec center, library and park are well overdue for renovating.	10/27/2023 8:57 PM
57	Focus on public safety.	10/27/2023 6:23 PM
58	Why do we have to turn public use space over to private developers? There is plenty of commercial space within a couple of blocks of the library/community center site which could be rezoned for housing (including affordable). That should be done before sacrificing public space which is scarce enough as it is.	10/27/2023 4:53 PM
59	A ton of new housing has been built in nearby Bethesda in recent years. Several massive housing projects are getting underway or planned in DC at Friendship Heights. There are many office-to-apt conversions planned downtown. How much new housing do we really need?	10/27/2023 4:34 PM
60	I am 100% in support of affordable and workforce housing in Chevy Chase DC, just not at the	10/27/2023 12:35 PM

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	expense of losing such a valuable public amenity. There are other ways to achieved this	
61	I'm glad efforts are being made to make this area more welcoming and inclusive to a broader group of people and families.	10/27/2023 11:21 AM
62	Is the disruption and change of neighborhood character really worth a few affordable units? I'd look at other sites.	10/26/2023 4:48 PM
63	I eould like to preserve green doace and have the community pre-approve final designs.	10/26/2023 3:30 PM
64	I am supportive of upgraded facilities for our neighborhood, and anything that will increase density for CCDC as well. I have concerns about school student body size, but I don't think this single development will tip us over the edge.	10/26/2023 3:29 PM
65	D.C. should make space available in the community center free for public uses.	10/26/2023 9:59 AM
66	I do not believe it optimal to redevelop the library and community center to provide housing. It will increase traffic and congestion to an already busy section of Connecticut Ave. I am also already concerned about increased crime in the area.	10/25/2023 7:45 PM
67	I love the library and community center and I feel development as described would be too disruptive	10/25/2023 6:49 PM
68	More housing. Density and Height are not our enemy. NO PARKING!	10/25/2023 3:38 PM
69	Until the increase in violent and armed crime is addressed and there is evidence that it won't increase like it did in Cleveland Park my family is 100% opposed to affordable housing development in this area.	10/25/2023 11:48 AM
70	It is very important that the development is. It conceived in a vacuum. In other words, the surrounding buildings and block need to be allowed to develop, over time, in keeping with the scale and style of this redevelopment project. It shouldn't stand out as an oddball project.	10/25/2023 11:10 AM
71	The CC community cannot be exempt from affordable housing or modernization of existing facilities. Also - please address the issues about increased traffic at the circle	10/25/2023 10:57 AM
72	If developers or the city wish to develop housing near Chevy Chase circle, they should do so with public property. I do not feel it suits any distric residents needs to relinquish city property to developers.	10/25/2023 9:41 AM
73	I do not support any affordable housing at this site. The crime in this city is out of control and I no longer feel safe walking the streets of the area I've lived for two decades. Introducing affordable housing won't do anything to help a really bad situation.	10/25/2023 9:13 AM
74	Please add a cell tower. There is no cell service in the neighborhood.	10/25/2023 8:25 AM
75	Putting a low-income housing project in the neighborhood will bring drug abuse, mental health issues, and violent crime. It will degrade quality of life and public safety and harm property values in the neighborhood.	10/24/2023 9:42 PM
76	Re: parking - would depend on if parking was sufficient for whatever size this ultimately becomes. A major concern is overcrowding at Lafayette, deal, and Jackson-Reed. No one is focusing on this. Lafayette is already massive and the kids are not getting sufficient attention, teachers are quitting, and kids are already suffering.	10/23/2023 10:20 PM
77	I do not support any building higher than three stories along Connecticut Avenue between Livingston and Chevy Chase Circle	10/23/2023 8:22 PM
78	I do not approve of giving any "developer" the power to make the decisions.	10/23/2023 11:46 AM
79	re: underground parking - it makes sense but the spaces are often so tight that it is difficult to park in. I'd park underground IF it was roomy enough for larger cars!	10/23/2023 10:27 AM
80	How would this be financed?	10/23/2023 6:58 AM
81	Library hours. Keep open every day.	10/23/2023 3:02 AM
82	Please keep it as it. The area is already too crowded. Thank you.	10/23/2023 12:05 AM
83	To increase housing how would the project address overcrowding at Lafayette and Deal schools?	10/22/2023 10:00 PM

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84	Do not give away the site to developers to screw over the City to make money. This is public land and should remain public land.	10/22/2023 9:31 PM
85	This decision should be centered on creating and maintaining community, removing financial interests from developers. Developers should be hired in service of the city, not the other way around.	10/22/2023 5:23 PM
86	DCPS school capacity issues MUST be addressed before we increase density in our neighborhood. We need more elementary, middle, and high schools that serve this neighborhood.	10/22/2023 4:27 PM
87	Developers in DC have skimmed on indoor parking that should never be allowed. There should be a parking space for each home. People want their own car to leave town, vacation, help others etc. Those spaces that aren't used are quickly rented by others in the city looking for parking thus decreasing street parking and congestion. No more deals with developers that hurt this city!!!	10/22/2023 3:42 PM
88	1-Let's not forget DPR's award winning ballet and dance program run by Balletilte.org, which uses the community center and outdoor spaces year round. It's an important program which has mentored 100's of children from low income households from K-12 across all 8 DC Wards by helping them obtain college scholarships. It is a valued Chevy Chase institution that DPR supports. This and other programs like fencing need as little disruption to their programming as possible, provision for suitable alternate space during construction and dedicated space in any new community center. A professional sprung ballet floor of the same size as currently exists must be maintained. 2- Regarding housing on the civic core site, 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 modestly and affordably renovate the library and Community center 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.	10/22/2023 3:17 PM
89	I would like more frequent bus service promotional to the increased density	10/22/2023 2:42 PM
90	A good, accessible public library is essential to the functioning of the participation of an informed citizenry. s essential to maintain/improve our library. There is insufficient access to amenities, e.g., a good grocery store, public transport, access to green space, in addition to the increase in	10/22/2023 2:41 PM
91	The schools are already overcrowded and we need to be smart about adding to them. Lafayette and the middle and upper schools.	10/22/2023 2:17 PM
92	I do not support ANY HOUSING being added to the library/ community center.	10/21/2023 10:18 AM
93	The facility needs to include a senior center, pre school and state of the art programming	10/21/2023 9:57 AM
94	Let's not let some developer get rich by destroying the ambiance and neighborhood character that already exists.	10/21/2023 9:43 AM
95	Buildings must be Set Back from the street, placing the green space in front. This will avoid an urban, commercial atmosphere, which does not fit the neighborhood.	10/21/2023 6:58 AM
96	It was not clarified early enough in survey that affordable housing includes workforce. Non-workforce housing is a terrible idea. Just look at how other nearby areas have been affected.	10/19/2023 4:47 PM
97	I feel the present configuration of the Library and Community Center is serving our neighborhood without any interference by real estate and land developers.	10/19/2023 11:18 AM
98	I'd use underground parking, but would prefer the city maintains above ground parking. In terms of housing at the site, I don't trust the city or developers to actually create an equitable housing development. The vast majority of the units should be affordable to people making 30% or less of the median income. Instead of 30% affordable/70% market rate, it should be the other way around. That would address the equity problem the city is purporting to address. Plus, we'd need way better bus service in the neighborhood. And what about schools for these poor families? Can Lafayette accommodate them? Clearly they won't be sending their kids to private schools.	10/19/2023 10:40 AM

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99	Please leave this low-key, uncrowded, accessible asset alone! Those who want dense, modern, upscale areas can easily travel there.	10/18/2023 9:38 PM
100	Ideally the city would just redevelop the library and community center; I worry that putting housing on the same site will come at the cost of the library and green space, which are important public goods. But I also support more affordable housing. Is there really no other way to get affordable housing into this neighborhood?	10/18/2023 7:36 PM
101	What about the underutilized bus terminal on the other side of Conn?	10/18/2023 7:05 PM
102	Good survey	10/18/2023 6:26 PM
103	Underground parking is an issue for seniors	10/18/2023 4:12 PM
104	If possible, I want to see 80 to 100 affordable units for those with incomes at 30 to 80 percent of the area median income.	10/18/2023 2:56 PM
105	The community center needs to have more flex space. Right now there are only limited use spaces. I do not support for-profit housing on this public space. It will be giving away land that you can never get back.housing	10/18/2023 1:45 PM
106	Every community needs, by definition, communal space and green space. This community currently has a small civic core which meets these needs. Please do not destroy that by trying to put housing in this space. Use other appropriate places to serve housing needs.	10/18/2023 1:45 PM
107	Parking whether surface or underground should remain FREE—while at CC/ Library activities	10/18/2023 11:29 AM
108	Friendship Heights	10/17/2023 10:59 PM
109	I would like the Chevy Chase community to be given the opportunity to provide affordable housing of 15 units in a manner which we choose. DMPED decreed the solution, which would turn land over to developers. We should determine our solution.	10/17/2023 8:43 PM
110	DC Govt has several other possible locations for affordable housing and should utilize them.	10/16/2023 3:58 PM
111	crime and traffic pod are serious DC problems	10/16/2023 2:39 PM
112	Some sense of number of housing units—at least a range I realize difficult since size of units not known, but we need some idea	10/15/2023 8:16 PM
113	I support using public land to address a key public policy issue: lack of affordable middle income housing.	10/15/2023 1:43 PM
114	Please consider retaining the parcel of land as a public property by erecting only social housing with public mixed-use facilities, including a renovated library and community center.	10/15/2023 1:15 PM
115	Overcrowding of local public schools - this project's planners must make clear to residents how adding housing in this project will affect that and how the city plans to manage it, e.g. link project to redrawing school district boundaries.	10/14/2023 5:54 PM
116	RFP should require non-profit development / Management firm. Affordable housing needs to be for 99years.	10/14/2023 4:30 PM
117	Whole proposal is ridiculous	10/14/2023 11:51 AM
118	No Redevelopment! I currently use and have used the existing facilities for years. Redevelopment will take years away from my family's use of the fencing and other programs. No Redevelopment!	10/14/2023 11:51 AM
119	I want to reiterate my strong concern about the overcrowding at our local schools. I strongly support building affordable housing on this site but think it should only be done if there are simultaneously plans to build more public schools in the immediate future that are actually accessible from Chevy Chase (unlike the new MacArthur HS).	10/14/2023 9:42 AM
120	The greater the percentage of the new units that are affordable, the MORE supportive I'd be of the project. Please keep the playground!	10/14/2023 5:28 AM
121	Traffic concerns for intersection of McKnley & CT Ave - it's already a heavily used and challenging intersection for cars & pedestrians.	10/13/2023 8:13 PM
122	Since covid services i participated in offered at the center stopped. The city and taxes we pay need to restore the center and library as they were. Small building as they are because of the	10/13/2023 6:15 PM

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neighborhood. There are plenty of neighborhoods very close by that have tall buildings that either are near empty or could be transformed into appropriate housing. The center and library are not. This would destroy the look and feel of the neighborhood and further decrease its value. Simply wrong

123	Do not sell or lease our public use land to developers.	10/13/2023 6:06 PM
124	I think preserving the open space and small, homey feel of the library is important. I constantly use the library (for picking up holds and returning books) and the ease of parking on a surface lot is key! The playground right there is also so nice, as is the little natural garden area.	10/13/2023 6:05 PM
125	Public land should never be given away to private developers	10/13/2023 5:26 PM
126	Thank you for making it easy to express an opinion. Our voice has not be appropriately heard because we live in Ward 4, and not Ward 3, which is infuriating.	10/13/2023 4:50 PM
127	facilities should comfortable, inviting, and above all safe !	10/13/2023 2:22 PM
128	We need affordable, family housing in Chevy Chase. Lafayette can handle it. We do not need more parking. We need to encourage people to walk/bike or use public/shared transit.	10/13/2023 2:11 PM
129	I am against apartment housing at the site primarily because of the way the city has handled vouchers at apartment buildings all over the city (paying more than market rate, not pulling vouchers for disruptive tenants, etc.). The city's inadequate controls and oversight of the program has allowed developers to take advantage of taxpayers and has hurt long-time residents of those buildings at which vouchers are used. I would not want to bring more of that into our community.	10/13/2023 2:04 PM