

## 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: 93 Skipped: 91

| #  | RESPONSES   | DATE                |
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| 1  | If library/community center are redeveloped, keep the same footprint of the buildings. Do not make them larger. Keep same amount of open green space with trees. Housing does not belong on our public community space, used for outdoor recreation, summer camps, etc. Housing already is being built all over DC and Ward 3. Recreation, green space are important for the community. Question 12 introduction is very biased for pro-housing.  | 11/12/2023 9:06 PM  |
| 2  | No. Just do NOT allow affordable housing.   | 11/12/2023 2:58 PM  |
| 3  | No, I don't think the public land should be made private  | 11/12/2023 9:01 AM  |
| 4  | No surplus any part of the Commons site. There is already a lot of vacant affordable housing in Ward 3. No giveaways to developers.   | 11/11/2023 9:43 PM  |
| 5  | The survey is biased. I do not support surplus the Commons nor do I support housing on the site. I especially do not support giving developers essentially a free ride at taxpayers' expense. The current buildings should be updated as promised by the Mayor in 2019. I do support affordable housing in Ward 3, just not on the Commons site.  | 11/11/2023 9:22 PM  |
| 6  | Can we wait to decide all of this until after the 1400 units at Friendship Heights are done? Traffic and Parking are a huge concern and a big part of why we chose to live in this part of the city. I don't want to be afraid to leave my house because there won't be anywhere to park when I get home. That's why we left Georgetown.  | 11/10/2023 12:46 AM |
| 7  | I live next to some subsidized housing now in Chevy Chase. The construction is Shoddy and it's falling apart.   | 11/6/2023 8:00 AM   |
| 8  | Making a new building energy efficient is not a measure of sustainability; it ignores all of the emissions produced in the demo & new construction.   | 11/5/2023 4:00 PM   |
| 9  | Transparent and inclusive bidding and decision-making are important for community confidence in the outcome.  | 11/5/2023 3:48 PM   |
| 10 | Space for a weekly farmers market not selling prepared food   | 11/5/2023 2:44 PM   |
| 11 | I just think preservation of the mature trees and existing green space is crucial, as is not rising to block out the beautiful open sky we can see in this area   | 11/5/2023 12:54 PM  |
| 12 | The community center should not exceed current height and use   | 11/5/2023 1:46 AM   |
| 13 | Public safety and quality of life should be a top priority.   | 11/4/2023 9:47 PM   |
| 14 | This land was gifted to the city for public use. It was never intended to be used for housing of any kind. The city would be setting a dangerous precedent in taking creative steps to knowingly reassign the use for this property. It was never given for housing and should not be used for it.  | 11/4/2023 5:18 PM   |
| 15 | Make every effort to maintain the essential character of Chevy Chase, DC.   | 11/4/2023 3:01 PM   |
| 16 | Your questions do not allow for accurate feedback. I would have supported affordable housing on the site if it could have been done by a not-for-profit organization. Once the city turns the property over to a private developer, it's virtually guaranteed that there won't be enough affordable housing, and also that there will be a huge risk of losing some of the open space amenities. Meanwhile, potential sites for affordable housing have been opening up at Friendship Heights, which is at a Metro stop and much more suitable for affordable housing than the Connecticut Ave. site. Also, affordable housing and low-income housing have been increasing along upper Connecticut Avenue with the mass placement of voucher tenants in numerous apartment buildings, so there is no longer any need to pack this neighborhood with | 11/4/2023 2:44 PM   |

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its "share" of affordable housing citywide -- we already have that through existing affordable apartments and through the many new voucher tenants. Finally, the city should be planning ahead for additional schools that would be needed if substantial new development should take place.

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| 17 | I strongly support the redevelopment of the library and community center site to have more housing! I got my first library card in that library and I want it to be available to more DC residents. I think that parking should be the last priority for the site after everything else is taken care of.  | 11/4/2023 1:47 PM   |
| 18 | devcl heard a viable suggestion that DC could declare eminent domain on the Wells Fargo Bank site just north of the Community Center. Pay Wells Fargo a fair price for the property.   | 11/4/2023 11:06 AM  |
| 19 | We deserve a new library & community center like other neighborhoods. There are plenty of apts available at different price points already.  | 11/4/2023 11:06 AM  |
| 20 | Not asked or addressed: 1) Already existing availability of apartments/rental units, many of which have relatively low rents; 2) Neighborhood demographics of older people and families that should be respected in terms of their needs, particularly for parking; along Conn. Ave. and within side-street blocks of it, almost no houses or apartment buildings have off-street parking; more appropriate sites for additional housing -- preferably for purchase rather than rent-- that are closer to subway and other transportation hubs as well as various family/community support networks/services; and mental health impact of less green space, more crowding, and less human-size spaces/buildings. | 11/4/2023 10:49 AM  |
| 21 | This survey is not objective. It is strongly biased in favor of the development idea to which I am strongly opposed. It does not offer any arguments in favor of non- development.   | 11/4/2023 8:59 AM   |
| 22 | Please get rid of the rats in the Reading Garden next to the Library. I recently had out-of-town guests and it was embarrassing.   | 11/2/2023 2:24 PM   |
| 23 | No   | 11/2/2023 1:56 PM   |
| 24 | I would prefer that DC use our tax dollars to restore the affordable housing that was available in apt buildings along CT Ave - destroyed by filling the buildings with mentally unstable, alcoholic, and drug abusers under the Section 8 voucher program. Ward 3 had affordable housing but residents are moving outside DC because of the abysmal conditions in those buildings. This is solvable if DC would attack corruption in its housing agency and fraud by landlords.   | 11/2/2023 1:39 PM   |
| 25 | Have been area resident over 50 years. Only racial discrimination has been by upscale developers.  | 11/2/2023 1:13 AM   |
| 26 | Chevy Chase has a responsibility to do its part to provide affordable housing. To date, it has not. This project can start to change that.   | 11/1/2023 10:56 AM  |
| 27 | The dc government needs to prioritize fixing the crime in our city   | 11/1/2023 9:45 AM   |
| 28 | Entrances closer to Connecticut Avenue would be helpful so we don't have to walk so much from the bus stop.  | 10/31/2023 6:54 PM  |
| 29 | thanks for soliciting the community for all of this information and our preferences.   | 10/31/2023 4:54 PM  |
| 30 | I am against Chevy Chase Circle becoming the architectural equivalent of Tenley, Van Ness, City Ridge etc - no character. Also, public transportation is a serious issue arguing against housing on that site.   | 10/31/2023 4:38 PM  |
| 31 | Relative costs of amenities should be considered...avoid another Ellington school cost overrun.  | 10/31/2023 2:19 PM  |
| 32 | Design of buildings should be consistent with the important neighboring buildings like the Avalon and the old bank and arcade.   | 10/31/2023 2:13 PM  |
| 33 | The renovation must reflect the architecture of the community. An 80'building does not do that.  | 10/31/2023 12:48 PM |
| 34 | The city has to provide more resources to the distric school to address the needs of the new students. This was not considered when the city provided affordable housing on Connecticut Ave and Murch ES was affected. The school couldn't address the new needs of the student population.  | 10/30/2023 4:46 PM  |
| 35 | I think a mixed use residential with ground floor retail that include sidewalk cafes would be great  | 10/30/2023 4:45 PM  |

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| 36 | Renovate the library again? Unfortunately, the library was recently renovated... pre-Covid.   | 10/30/2023 2:46 PM  |
| 37 | I understand the need for affordable housing but that much development is not appropriate for that site. Other sites are available such as Lord & Taylor property which is close to Metro. Or the city could purchase an existing apartment building & convert it to affordable housing (as city did over 50 years ago with Regency House.  | 10/30/2023 2:28 PM  |
| 38 | If selling to developer for housing, strong preference for non-profit rather than business developer.   | 10/30/2023 12:56 AM |
| 39 | Just build a modern library and community center. No point in bringing affordable housing to the area   | 10/29/2023 11:27 PM |
| 40 | The neighborhood is less safe than when I moved here in 2009.   | 10/29/2023 6:09 PM  |
| 41 | Please redevelop the site in a mixed use way to maximize its potential. YIMBY.  | 10/29/2023 4:04 PM  |
| 42 | no  | 10/29/2023 2:03 PM  |
| 43 | No more new housing. More green space. Renovate Library and Community center only   | 10/29/2023 1:43 PM  |
| 44 | I support income housing. There are so many vacancy signs in buildings up and down Conn Ave. What is being done to negotiate with the owners of those buildings?  | 10/28/2023 8:49 PM  |
| 45 | The facility should be mostly small and in line with current building heights on that property.   | 10/28/2023 5:48 PM  |
| 46 | I'd like for an indoor basketball court to be strongly considered for local youth and adults to enjoy. There simply aren't enough facilities in the District, as it is.   | 10/28/2023 4:27 PM  |
| 47 | Green space and rooftop garden or community garden space would be nice. Also kitchen facilities in community center   | 10/28/2023 3:43 PM  |
| 48 | Do not change the culture of the neighborhood   | 10/28/2023 3:29 PM  |
| 49 | There is a serious lack of affordable housing in DC and the redevelopment provides a wonderful opportunity to provide more. Developers should be held to a much higher standard for the amount of affordable housing they need to build in exchange for their generous tax breaks. The space has room for a library and community space, as well as to open our neighborhood up to additional residents with lower incomes. | 10/28/2023 3:26 PM  |
| 50 | Please have ground level retail space. The entire East stretch of CT, Morrison to Oliver Street, is basically dead all of the time, because there is no retail space. Don't make this mistake again.  | 10/28/2023 3:24 PM  |
| 51 | Safety, especially for kids and elders.   | 10/28/2023 2:16 PM  |
| 52 | I believe in increasing the supply of affordable housing in NW DC, but I strongly feel that the current library/community center site is the WRONG place at which to build it. This space is publicly-owned and for the benefit of all DC residents; it should NOT be developed by private interests.   | 10/28/2023 6:33 AM  |
| 53 | How long does it take?  | 10/27/2023 9:20 PM  |
| 54 | Priorities and or evaluation should be given to neighbors first to provide these services since we are lots in need of dc government/federal financial assistance For the working class in this neighborhood. Incorporating house will bring people from other neighborhoods which will bring more crime.   | 10/27/2023 3:28 PM  |
| 55 | This was asked already in the survey, but I do think that subsidized affordable housing in a great neighborhood with excellent schools could be a big help in recruiting law enforcement and teachers to DC.  | 10/27/2023 2:53 PM  |
| 56 | While I support providing affordable housing, I do not support the notion that the district "give away" land to developers to allow that. I have lived in other neighborhoods where the district has done just that and the developers end up doing whatever they want. There's no oversight. In addition I think it is short sighted to trust developers with guardianship of district land for the long term              | 10/27/2023 2:35 PM  |
| 57 | Preserve the area; do not destroy it! I have lived in this area for 20 years and love the way it's currently constructed. The look, feel, and character of any development should be aligned with the current neighborhood. We do not want any tall new buildings packed with housing, which  | 10/27/2023 2:13 PM  |

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would prevent more people from making use of the space. Anything you do should not increase traffic congestion, especially traffic to and from Maryland, or adversely affect school crowding.

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| 58 | The only thing I would be against is providing a lot of parking. Keep parking to the absolute minimum. It is a waste of space and resources.   | 10/27/2023 2:04 PM  |
| 59 | My only strong preference is that the developers be forced to maintain appropriate landscape and maintenance. The accessible housing near us (NE corner Conn/Jenifer) is an eyesore, and there appear to be no mechanisms by which developers can be forced to landscape and maintain. Situations such as this are in large part responsible for opposition to 'accessible/low income housing. This must be addressed city-wide. We work hard to maintain our homes. Developers should have to do the same. I would love to hear a response from you about this issue.   | 10/27/2023 1:57 PM  |
| 60 | Community Center needs to be an office for a senior program coordinator, Library should have computer classes. Free meeting spaces for ANC , Senior meetings, other meetings. should be a lounge for seniors with a communication board for information. The open large room on first floor is needed for a voting place as well as exercise room for seniors or other age groups. Yes up stairs for a dance program. basement play area & game area .   | 10/26/2023 9:00 PM  |
| 61 | Put on the ballot. Let the people decide.  | 10/26/2023 4:11 PM  |
| 62 | Very important to have mixed use, including housing, so workers and young families can afford to live here.  | 10/26/2023 2:12 PM  |
| 63 | The new development should be 30% affordable unless the affordable housing is workforce housing. A larger percentage of workforce housing (including 100% workforce housing) would be acceptable. 100% workforce housing is ideal because it increases the supply of affordable housing without concentrating poverty.   | 10/25/2023 4:51 PM  |
| 64 | Grew up in Chevy Chase and frequented both buildings. We need more housing and areas for families who want to raise their kids in a safe, vibrant neighborhood. Chevy Chase has a lot of history of discrimination and redlining, we must do our part to develop areas equitably and sustainably.  | 10/25/2023 12:16 AM |
| 65 | I support more affordable housing in our ward and even in our neighborhood. But I do not believe that the library and community center site should be used for that purpose. Green space and trees are a priority.   | 10/24/2023 12:46 PM |
| 66 | Tallest parts of the building should face the avenue with the site stepping down towards the rear near residential streets. Max possible height should be allowed along avenue.  | 10/24/2023 10:46 AM |
| 67 | You are doing very important work. Thank you.  | 10/23/2023 3:03 PM  |
| 68 | Housing for DV survivors and families  | 10/23/2023 2:30 PM  |
| 69 | Do not want to loose green space. Definitely need parking. Not everyone can walk or is near public transportation. No selling to developers.   | 10/22/2023 11:45 PM |
| 70 | develop a welcoming center maintaining the spirit of ChCh Commons. Keep our green space.   | 10/22/2023 10:49 PM |
| 71 | I fear I've missed my chance to oppose a process that began during a pandemic, and now it's too late   | 10/22/2023 6:55 PM  |
| 72 | 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 it outdoor green spaces that must be protected. There is every reason to modestly and affordable 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 3:51 PM  |
| 73 | Listen to the community  | 10/22/2023 3:28 PM  |
| 74 | I'm concerned about the crime increasing in our neighborhood that affects us more than any other issue in this survey. That includes the city's lack of support for housing voucher  | 10/22/2023 11:58 AM |

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recipients and the incentive it creates for landlords to profit from voucher income at the expense of the quality of life of other tenants and neighbors.

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| 75 | Concern that you have empty apartments throughout this area already. People placed in them not getting mental health services. Developers should pay for the land if Bowser goes forward. More luxury rentals are not needed, and will be few affordable - witness Woodley Park. If we had trust in the Mayor and Council, it would be different but conflicting and omitted information means cannot support this. | 10/21/2023 10:24 AM |
| 76 | I like our neighborhood as it is currently.   | 10/20/2023 3:33 PM  |
| 77 | I hate underground parking.   | 10/20/2023 3:08 PM  |
| 78 | Do not give the space to a developer and do not build affordable housing there. There is plenty of space in northwest DC for affordable housing including at the Mazza Gallerie former site and at the Lord and Taylor parking lot.   | 10/19/2023 6:35 PM  |
| 79 | Change is hard for people, let's be part of the solution.   | 10/18/2023 12:46 PM |
| 80 | I support 100 affordable units at the 30-80% medium family income   | 10/16/2023 8:07 PM  |
| 81 | Single family homes should be converted for affordable multi-family units. The neighborhood has too many 3000+ sq ft homes with one or two occupants.   | 10/15/2023 3:31 PM  |
| 82 | Chevy Chase = least diverse neighborhood in DC. Survey invites anti-housing answers. Multi-use project needed.  | 10/14/2023 7:07 PM  |
| 83 | I could not weigh in on benefits of housing- only "issues" which were negatives   | 10/14/2023 5:41 PM  |
| 84 | DC has to stop relying on development to increase the tax base. We need to reuse what we have. Construction waste accounts for 10% of landfills. There are vacant apartments all along Conn. Ave. that could be used for affordable housing w/incentives for landlords. More than 15% of DC office space is vacant. The planet cannot support more building   | 10/14/2023 3:55 PM  |
| 85 | Housing should be attractive to diverse members of DC public workforce  | 10/14/2023 12:58 PM |
| 86 | Would be good to preserve as many of the trees as possible.   | 10/14/2023 12:49 PM |
| 87 | Public space should be for DC taxpayers and not for developers who cannot be trusted. Housing development should be undertaken downtown, and not in residential areas.  | 10/14/2023 11:27 AM |
| 88 | Developers cannot be trusted. This property belongs to the citizens of DC and should remain so. The CCCC is fine the way it is. There are numerous other places to build apartments such as on Wisconsin Ave. Also, DC govt needs to focus on reviving downtown, not screwing up Ward 3.  | 10/14/2023 10:41 AM |
| 89 | It would be good to have additional bike parking in the redesign. The Chevy Chase rec area is like two blocks west and has tennis courts and basketball. Don't think those things are really necessary here.  | 10/13/2023 8:37 PM  |
| 90 | Thank you to everyone for their hard work. And thank you for not being bullied into raising the complicated surplus process, which some opponents of including affordable housing on the site are still twisting and lying about.   | 10/13/2023 8:24 PM  |
| 91 | This plan is destroying our community   | 10/13/2023 5:33 PM  |
| 92 | This property is not surplus. It is heavily used.   | 10/13/2023 2:57 PM  |
| 93 | The two elementary schools in this area are at their max capacity and facing funding cuts this year. This MUST be addressed before adding more housing  | 10/13/2023 2:02 PM  |