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Transfer of RFK Site to DC Is Great News! But Residents Want Housing and Neighborhood Amenities at RFK, Not an NFL Stadium

Congressional action this week to give DC residents control over the future development at RFK is welcome news. While media coverage has focused on the possibility of an NFL stadium, DC residents have something else in mind: housing, recreation, and other neighborhood-serving amenities.

City-wide, 55 percent of voters say the land at RFK “should be used mostly for housing and neighborhood amenities,” and just 39 percent said it “should be used as a football stadium,” according to 2023 [polling](#) from the DC Fiscal Policy Institute and Data for Progress. (7 percent have no opinion.)

“Voters across DC see RFK as an opportunity to meet the housing and community needs of DC residents, rather than a hulking stadium used just a few days a year,” said Niciah Mujahid, Executive Director of the Fair Budget Coalition. “DC just gave over \$500 million to a billionaire for Capital One Arena, at a time budgets for schools and affordable housing have been cut, and they don’t want to repeat that at RFK.”

A separate 2023 [survey](#) of residents living near the RFK found even greater opposition to an NFL stadium there. Two-thirds (67%) of 2,000 neighbors surveyed by RFK Future, a taskforce of the Friends of Kingman Park, answered that “I would prefer no stadium” at the RFK site.

“The RFK site has many important *current* uses, including heavily used recreational fields, a farmers’ market, a skate park, and a playground,” said Ebony Payne, ANC commissioner for ANC 7D05. “We don’t want to subsidize a billionaire, and we don’t want an NFL stadium disrupting our neighborhood.”

The No Billionaire's Playground coalition is a group of residents and organizations that wants to preserve the RFK site for the community and opposes having an NFL stadium there.