ANC 1C RESOLUTION CALLING FOR PEOPLE-CENTERED DEVELOPMENT OF THE RFK STADIUM SITE

Whereas the DC Mayor and Council are currently assessing a proposed agreement with Washington Commanders to redevelop the RFK Stadium site;[1] and

Whereas, this agreement would tentatively require an investment of at least $1 billion of city money *prima facie*,[1] and would likely cost an additional $6 billion of city money over 30 years in foregone tax revenue and bond interest;[2] and

Whereas, without careful deal structures, stadiums in general do not make improve their host cities financially,[3] nor do they necessarily serve the broader interests of their residents; and

Whereas, the District has a continuing housing shortage;[4] therefore, be it

Resolved, that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C urges DC Council to improve the agreement for DC taxpayers; and

Be it further resolved, that ANC 1C urges the Council to seek creative solutions for site development that prioritize the District's resilience and affordability, including abundant housing, robust affordable housing requirements, development of small parcels to create a diverse urban landscape, and expanded Metro services.

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