

Please find candidate Gary Goodweather's responses to the questions provided below:

1. My top priority is to deliver new community facilities. This is the last community facility to be upgraded in the city, and this project has been stalled for a decade. It has also divided the neighborhood. A community center that divides the community is unacceptable. Chevy Chase needs to create more housing that is affordable and multigenerational, accommodating residents of all income levels and family sizes. The current residential plan for the site, based upon limited availability, makes the same mistake that has caused affordability issues across the city. First, the definition used for affordable housing with AMI/FMI does not take into account the full cost of living in DC or the long-term operational costs of the building. We will develop a DC formula that reflects the true cost. Second, the requirements for the site will limit the number of units that can accommodate families. That leads to less affordability for residents who want to grow their families and stay in the community. My immediate solution: the funding is already in place for the community center and library. Let's immediately proceed with the design and construction of the new library, community center, modern infrastructure, and open spaces. The new facility should be designed with a "transfer slab" to allow for future potential development that can be thoughtfully created to meet the community's needs. Many projects are completed in phases, and this is an exceedingly easy way to move progress forward.

2. I absolutely support acting to move this project forward expeditiously because Washington, D.C. deserves leadership that focuses on real outcomes rather than more rhetoric or debate. After a ten-year process of community engagement, it is time for a city government that respects residents' time and delivers the results people can actually see. My campaign is grounded in the belief that the mayor's office is an execution and operations job, and I have been clear that the current District government often takes far too long to navigate. I have explicitly pledged to speed the market and build faster to address our city's needs, and I believe that District-owned sites like the Civic Core can be essential to achieving my Affordable DC plan to create 50,000 new homes by 2032. Moving this project quickly beyond the planning phase is critical to providing the mixed-income housing and state-of-the-art public facilities our neighbors have been promised. My administration will focus on the successful execution of the project's development phases to ensure Chevy Chase finally sees the tangible outcomes of a decade of planning.

3. I support a housing mix at the Chevy Chase Civic Core that provides housing across a range of income levels and jobs. For too long, the District has made it difficult to build the housing our neighbors need. This project should serve as a model for the neighborhood, and I would evaluate any specific proposal based on whether it truly maximizes the site's capacity to ensure that families are able to afford to stay and thrive in Chevy Chase. My administration will focus on execution and operations to ensure we deliver real-world outcomes that residents can see and feel. This means creating housing that is [affordable](#), providing [free](#)

[transit](#), [lowering utility prices](#), and lowering grocery prices through vertical farms and markets.

4. I support updating the Future Land Use Map to permit multi-family units within residential neighborhoods, provided we use form-based codes to ensure new development remains context-sensitive and complements the traditional character of Chevy Chase. For too long, the District has relied on a land use framework that I believe is fundamentally anti-business and has contributed to racial, social, economic, and physical inequities that are still tangible in our communities today. The proposed FLUM makes the same mistake. I do not believe in prescriptive requirements that have the opposite effect of the intended outcomes. My Affordable DC plan is committed to creating 50,000 new homes by 2032, and we simply cannot achieve that goal by sticking to the status quo. By allowing a more diverse range of housing typologies on our most valuable land, we can moderate costs and ensure that families are able to afford to stay and thrive in the neighborhoods they love. My administration will focus on execution and operations to move past rhetoric and deliver a built environment that supports the equitable distribution of affordable housing while maintaining the high-quality architecture and visual interest our neighbors value. We must shift from a government that defaults to no to one that proactively looks for ways to say yes to the housing options our residents need.