

Dear Mr. Speck:

Thank you for your outreach and for the work Chevy Chase Forward is doing to encourage thoughtful civic engagement and constructive dialogue around the future of the neighborhood and the District as a whole.

Washington, DC faces an affordability crisis that requires us to increase housing opportunities across all eight wards while also preserving neighborhood character, public amenities, and quality of life. I believe Chevy Chase can play an important role in demonstrating how inclusive growth and thoughtful planning can coexist successfully.

Please find my responses below:

1. Air Rights and Housing at the Civic Core Site

Yes. I support the responsible use of available air rights at the Civic Core site for mixed-income housing consistent with the Chevy Chase Small Area Plan and applicable zoning regulations, provided that the public facilities, open space, and community-serving functions are fully protected and enhanced. The District must maximize underutilized public assets to address housing affordability challenges.

2. Moving the Project Forward

Yes. A decade of planning and community engagement deserves a fair and timely conclusion. While all projects should continue to receive appropriate public oversight

and transparency, I support moving this project forward expeditiously so the community can realize the benefits of additional housing, modernized public facilities, and enhanced neighborhood vitality.

3. Affordable Housing Mix

I support a strong mixed-income housing approach that includes deeply affordable housing, workforce housing, and market-rate units. The original proposal reflects an important effort to create economic diversity within the neighborhood. I would work to ensure that the final project maintains meaningful affordability for seniors, working families, teachers, first responders, recent graduates, and longtime District residents while also remaining financially feasible and deliverable.

4. Future Land Use Map and Multi-Family Housing

Yes. I support thoughtful updates to the Future Land Use Map that allow appropriately scaled multi-family housing where it is compatible with neighborhood context and infrastructure. I believe form-based design standards can help ensure that new development complements the existing character and look and feel of Chevy Chase while expanding housing opportunities for a broader range of residents.

As Mayor, my administration will pursue balanced growth policies that expand affordability, strengthen neighborhoods, improve public safety, support seniors

aging in place, and create opportunities for families at all income levels to remain in the District of Columbia.

Thank you again for the opportunity to respond. I look forward to continued dialogue with Chevy Chase Forward and the residents you represent.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Vincent B. Orange, Sr.
Candidate for Mayor



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