

Dear Mr. Speck and the Chevy Chase Forward Team,

Thank you for reaching out, and for the thoughtful work Chevy Chase Forward is doing to move this conversation forward. As someone who has spent more than a decade on the DC Board of Zoning Adjustment, reviewing over 2,000 cases across all eight wards, I have seen firsthand how housing decisions shape neighborhoods for generations. I am glad to respond to your questions.

1. Surplusing the air rights at the Civic Core site.

Yes, I support surplusing the available air rights at the Civic Core site that are not needed for the planned public facilities. The site presents a real opportunity to add housing without displacing existing community assets, and it would be a missed opportunity to leave those air rights on the shelf.

2. Moving the project forward expeditiously.

Yes. Ten years of planning and community engagement is more than sufficient groundwork. The time for deliberation has passed. If elected, I will support moving this project forward without further unnecessary delay.

3. The proposed affordable housing mix.

Yes, I support the mix and unit count originally proposed by Risk Valley: one-third deeply affordable (30 to 50% MFI), one-third workforce housing (80% MFI), and one-third market rate, totaling 209 units. This is a balanced, well-structured approach that serves a broad range of DC residents and reflects the kind of inclusive housing policy I will champion on the Council.

4. Future Land Use Map change in Chevy Chase.

Yes, I support updating the draft FLUM designation in Chevy Chase to permit multi-family housing, provided it is implemented in a manner consistent with the neighborhood's character. Smart density and neighborhood compatibility are not in conflict, and Chevy Chase has an opportunity to demonstrate that.

I welcome the opportunity to earn CCF's endorsement and support. Chevy Chase leading by example on housing is exactly the kind of bold, practical action DC needs right now.

Sincerely,

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