



**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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WASHINGTON, DC 20004**

October 1, 2026

Mark Paoletta, Chair
National Capital Planning Commission
401 9th Street, NW, Suite 500N
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chair Paoletta:

We write today concerning the RFK Campus New Stadium Parking Garages, NCPC File Number 8812. The building of a dynamic new stadium, including thousands of new homes, jobs, and businesses, is a transformational opportunity for the District of Columbia. As the Councilmembers representing the Ward where the RFK campus is located (Ward 7) and the two immediately adjacent Wards bordering the campus (Wards 5 and 6), we are working constructively to ensure key decision points in this redevelopment deliver on the promise to DC residents.

We are concerned, however, with the scale and scope of the proposed structured parking garages - in particular G1 and G2. In community meetings, as well as a public hearing convened by the Council yesterday, September 30, 2026, there were consistent and strong concerns raised about the current proposal. The impact on traffic congestion and concentration of parking structures poses a significant strain on existing communities, as well as the goal of efficient traffic management for major stadium events.

In addition, the number of proposed parking spaces for each structured lot has grown considerably from initial plans. G1 has grown in proposed parking capacity from 1,800 to 2,500 vehicles, and G2 has grown from 2,500 to 3,500 vehicles. In comparison, Nationals Park has an approximate seating capacity of 45,000 and has 1,250 parking spots in its two structured lots. This new RFK Stadium parking proposal includes nearly five times the number of parking spots, for a venue with seating capacity of 65,000.

As NCPC considers this proposal, we encourage NCPC to consider alternatives and improvements to the current proposal, including: requiring the inclusion of street-level retail and commercial spaces to improve year-round activation of these facilities, promoting below-grade construction to reduce overall height and impact of the structures, lowering the overall parking capacity of each proposed garage to reduce their impacts on land use, as well as congestion impacts, and relocation or swapping locations of the two proposed garages.

We appreciate your consideration and welcome the opportunity to continue engaging on the transformation of the RFK campus to deliver on the promises to our city and region.

Sincerely,

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Councilmember Charles Allen, Ward 6
Chair, Committee on Transportation & the
Environment

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Councilmember Wendell Felder, Ward 7
Chair, Subcommittee on Local Business
Development

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Councilmember Zachary Parker, Ward 5
Chair, Committee on Youth Affairs

Cc: Members, National Capital Planning Commission