

**34. Received October 1, 2021**

**Name:** George Carlisle

**Comment:** I would like to hear the reasons we need to do a public private partnership. Gov't is not a business! Regardless, I'm willing to listen to the rationale for this model applied to the library and the long-term consequences. Personally, I'm for home ownership not more apt. rentals/rent seekers. Renting is not the solution to the world's problems.

**35. Received October 1, 2021**

**Name:** Linda Fu

**Comment:**

I am in favor of the county renovating the existing library with the available budget. With the Chevy Chase Lake development, our roads and schools will already be stressed, reducing the quality of life for residents. Mixed use development of the library property will add to traffic congestion and over-crowded schools. The county should exert fiscal discipline and work with the budget we have rather than look for extra funds for a more elaborate renovation. Prior to the pandemic, my family would visit the CC or Bethesda library every other week. The CC library may not be fancy, but we were there for the books.

**36. Received October 1, 2021**

**Name:** Gregory Koblentz

**Comment:** The country should emphasize quality of life and services for current residents by renovating the existing library instead of increasing congestion in the town by creating more high-volume residential units on Connecticut Ave. The Chevy Chase Lake development is already set to saturate our local roads and access to I-495 with even more cars and our schools with

even more students that they can barely handle. The renovation needs for Chevy Chase library are not so extensive that they justify giving developers even more land under the guise of a public-private partnership.

**37. Received October 2, 2021**

**Name:** Elizabeth Spencer

**Comment:** I support the need for more housing especially near transit, however I am a 50-year neighborhood resident and Chevy Chase Library patron and I urge you to make short drop-ins to the library easy with at-grade parking. Most of us from the neighborhood can not walk to the library, and underground parking may be a barrier to many who would otherwise continue to take advantage of this treasured resource.

**38. Received October 5, 2021**

**Name:** Jeanine Derr

**Comment:** I am concerned that a public/private partnership with retail and/or residential facilities may impact the community by making the library seem and feel less open and available to ALL members of the community. It seems like a complete overhaul with retail/residential facilities would also entail a longer construction time, thus taking the library out of action for a longer period of time.

### 39. Received October 7, 2021

**Name:** Alicia Abell

**Comment:** I am strongly opposed to any major of the library. Right now, elderly residents and toddlers have easy parking when taking home library books. The traffic on Connecticut Ave near the library is already terrible as is and I would hate to see more housing go up that makes it worse. I don't believe the community needs a huge library (we can go to the Library of Congress, any number of universities or other bigger MCPL branches if we do). My view would be to simply bring the current building up to code.

### 40. Received October 10, 2021

**Name:** Julie Campbell

**Comment:**

Please consider two important blocks that use the library; young mothers and seniors. I met several mothers that became long term friends at the reading hours that were always crowded. I recommend moving to a five day, twice a day reading hour as some kids are morning nappers and others afternoon nappers. Access is also important for both groups with strollers, younger siblings, etc all gather at the same time. Maybe a wide ramp to the basement instead of elevator and stairs. Since things like Barnes and Noble have closed in Bethesda, there are fewer places to go with small children before they reach school age and you begin to meet other mothers. It was really hard as a work from home mom to meet people and it was a lifeline.

Also, there are more young seniors in the area that could use a place to meet other folks, so consider some programming for early retirees. Thanks!

**41. Received October 10, 2021**

**Name:** Megan Hall

**Comment:**

Very much in support of Option 1. DC has done a wonderful job with its libraries. This should not be a mixed use space, rather the county should develop a community center around the library. The library is a wonderful resource for our family. We use the children's section extensively. We also enjoy the cultural events and the ability to play a game or sit in the children's area and enjoy a book with the librarian. There is always ample parking. It is a quiet and restful and safe space for people to gather. The county does a great job maintaining the atmosphere. Outdoor areas that could be used by residents and a playground would be very welcome. There is plenty of private space coming online soon just a short way down the street on Connecticut Ave. We need to preserve the area for the community and not increase foot traffic with retail or apartments. Certainly private management would not be welcome. The county does a great job managing the CC library and other community spaces in the area. My child loves the small town, community focused, not shiny and new feeling of this library. It is safe and functional. It is slow paced. That is what our family and kids need at the library, a place of respite and learning.

**42. Received October 11, 2021**

**Name:** Peter Sharfman

**Comment:** The mixed-use plan would have two major drawbacks: (1) Further increasing the population density and hence the traffic in a place where the traffic already overwhelms Connecticut Ave; (2) losing surface parking would make a quick stop at the library much more time-consuming.

**43. Received October 12, 2021**

**Name:** Bettina Silber

**Comment:** I am strongly in favor of renovating the existing Chevy Chase Library and strongly opposed to turning it into a multi-purpose development. The hundreds of additional apartments already built or in the process of being built in place of the shopping center at Connecticut Ave. and Manor Road will be a traffic nightmare — the last thing we need is the present library adding to the problem.

**44. Received October 12, 2021**

**Name:** Ann F Joseph

**Comment:** I am opposed to adding residential apartments at this time..there is a large building project just a few blocks away, an apartment house next door, and a senior residence across the street. Traffic on Connecticut Ave is already terrible. The library was renovated just a few years ago...I think that additions that serve the community are fine. a small cafe, other meeting or class rooms for pre-school or after school activities, as well as senior citizen involvement would be fine. Thanks for accepting comments.

**45. Received October 13, 2021**

**Name:** Michael Kelleher

**Comment:** Please preserve the library and the open space that surrounds it. It is a haven for the community, and a long-term resource that should not be despoiled in pursuit of more county tax revenue.

**46. Received October 13, 2021**

**Name:** Mary K. Clifford

**Comment:** An additional 4000 sq. ft. seems very little compensation for having our lovely little library swallowed by a high-rise. In addition, the attendant traffic increase inflicted on already-clogged Connecticut Avenue would be problematic even without the flood that will come once the whole new mini-town at Chevy Chase Lake opens. Please do not allow Chevy Chase to drift any further towards Bethesda-style development. Keep our friendly, accessible, beloved library as it stands.

**47. Received October 14, 2021**

**Name:** Marylin Schwartz

**Comment:** The library is an asset to our community. Putting it as part of a development will take away our ability to continue teaching children to enjoy reading. It will become hard for the older generation to easily get there.  
PLEASE leave a spot of educational enjoyment as its own building.

Public-private always gives the private an an advantage over community. After all they are in it to make money

**48. Received October 14, 2021**

**Name:** Jacqueline Coolidge

**Comment:**

I have been very happy with Chevy Chase library, and hope it can continue to operate as it has for long into the future.

I am extremely leery of "public-private partnerships" for most public services, as I've seen that, in most instances, promises are NOT kept (there are always excuses available) and the private partner will always prioritize profitability over public service. They will cut corners wherever possible including cutting public access (or convenience or comfort).

I understand the stand-alone renovation may prove to be more expensive. I have consistently voted for resources for county government, even when that raises my own tax bills. Please do not rely on the private sector to solve public problems.

**49. Received October 16, 2021**

**Name:** Maureen Donnelly

**Comment:**

I am not in favor of a mixed use or public/private mixed use project at the site of the Chevy Chase Library.

1) It is a terrible location for more development. (I live close by and already feel I am a prisoner in my home any time before 11AM and after 2:30pm weekdays.)

2) I am a major user of the library. If such development occurs, I won't be able to use the library

because of the limits to getting there and parking there. (It seems odd that I would have to take out only one or two books at a time because I couldn't carry more than that for the 2 or 3 miles I'd have to walk.)

3) We should not be renovating unless we the public can afford to pay for it.

#### **50. Received October 16, 2021**

**Name:** Carolyn Calkins

**Comment:**

We live right next to the Chevy Chase Library and depend on it a great deal for borrowing books and internet services. Our first message to you is that whatever it takes to keep the library branch open in the same location would be acceptable to us since we know the county has to consider expenses; other county branches have gotten a lot of money for updates, so we hope that our neighborhood branch would receive similar consideration. We would be happy with the same branch being renovated/remodeled as it is, with no larger building complex built in a public/private arrangement, if the renovated building could be done in a way to make it safe for another 20 or more years; but, if the public/private arrangement is the best way to ensure the branch stays in the same place then adding retail and residential elements to the library building would be fine, too. As long as the branch stays here, for the indefinite future, we will be happy.

#### **51. Received October 16, 2021**

**Name:** Roy Abreu

**Comment:**

Three comments:

1. The library "Refurbishment Option" should not preclude the option to modestly enlarge the library to accommodate ongoing and future population growth.
2. In the interest of transparency, decision makers should provide the community, in advance, with the criteria that they will use to evaluate the various options. This is commonly done in government

procurement solicitation. I am particularly interested in knowing whether, if a significant majority (say 60+%) of respondents vote in favor of a particular option, will that majority opinion determine the outcome?

3. And most importantly (because this is the core service that libraries are established to provides), available library material (books, magazines, etc.) should be expanded and machinery (computers, etc.) should be regularly replaced so that the technology is of current vintage. I'm sure that creative procurement contract can be set up to accomplish the latter.

Thanks for allowing me to comment.

Roy Abreu

**52. Received October 17, 2021**

**Name:** Elaine Hofstetter

**Comment:** Many of us use the library regularly. Please consider a renovation and not another apartment building. With the building taking place near the library now we do not need additional apartments but a better library.  
Thank you for your consideration.

**53. Received October 17, 2021**

**Name:** Janet Chap

**Comment:**  
There has been insufficient attention by county officials to community fire and emergency safety given the explosive development along the Connecticut Avenue in Chevy Chase. The Chevy Chase Fire Department is hampered by the already heavy traffic and a northbound lane closure (for the

construction company's convenience) just north of the fire department.

In addition there is ample evidence that public-private partnerships do NOT work well: again, just north of the fire station, the Purple Line overpass sits useless. And we shouldn't forget the fiasco that was the construction of the Silver Spring Metro center.

Quality of life in a community is enhanced by a mix of architecture. The Chevy Chase library should remain a low rise single use building, an oasis in what is about to become a half mile or so of high rise buildings. It was obvious that the county representatives who were present at the meeting at the library on October 16 were trying to convince attendees that the ONLY way to afford a new library was to pursue a public-private construction of a residential building. If that is true, although it is difficult to believe, I would prefer to keep the current library building.

**54. Received October 17, 2021**

**Name:** Pat and Lewis Leibowitz

**Comment:** We love the Chevy Chase Library as it is. We can see that some renovations may need to be made. Perhaps this can be gradually done. There are so many adults and children in our community that use this valuable resource. The fact that there is very good parking and handicapped access makes this library even more attractive as it is.

**55. Received October 18, 2021**

**Name:** Edith Purdie

**Comment:** I would like a full scale renovation of the existing 16K sq ft library.

I do not want a 20K sq ft library that is mixed use to include residential and other venues.

Thank you.

**56. Received October 18, 2021**

**Name:** Juliana Taymans

**Comment:** The Purple Line development is going to significantly affect traffic. I am greatly concerned about adding additional housing units on Conn. Ave.

**57. Received October 18, 2021**

**Name:** virginia rose ceaser

**Comment:**

We, in Chevy Chase, live in "ground zero" for the massive development taking place within and around our borders. Traffic is already a disaster. No matter how much our citizens mobilize and try to make their voices heard, they are powerless fighting the resources and contacts of developers in Montgomery County.

Our stand-alone library has been a neighborhood gem since it was built, and an oasis for the many senior citizens and young families who live here. The little brick building is charming, unique, and part of our shared history. The above-ground parking lot is inviting, convenient and safe, especially in the evenings. To tear down our library and rebuild it as part of yet another apartment or office building because its easier and more profitable for the County is discouraging and short-sighted. And very sad.

**58. Received October 18, 2021**

**Name:** Suellen Keiner

**Comment:** I support the refurbishment of the Chevy Chase Library as part of a new residential development on the same property but ONLY if there is sufficient parking for all the residential units along with spaces for library visitors.

In addition, the architecture of the new project should be compatible with the style of the nearby buildings, including the fire house, the Chevy Chase Women's Club, and the Christian Science church.

**60. Received October 18, 2021**

**Name:** Alan R Chap

**Comment:** I oppose the renovation plan for the Chevy Chase Library. I really like the ambiance of a smaller library. i also feel the project will create additional traffic congestion already exacerbated by the Purple Line project Furthermore it will certainly impact the Fire Station and Rescue squad.

**61. Received October 18, 2021**

**Name:** Andrew White

**Comment:** I think that a Public Private Partnership is premature when a simple rehabilitation of the existing Library is what is needed. Adding residences in a higher rise building will limit parking for the public and increase density and traffic in a mainly residential area. How did the Bethesda Library get renovated without adding residences? Let's do the same for the Chevy Chase Library. There is already enough development going on just north of the library around the proposed purple line station at Chevy Chase Lake.

**62. Received October 19, 2021**

**Name:** sally wechsler

**Comment:** I am in favor of renovation of the chevy chase library –I do not support the private–public option to build a much larger structure. too much new growth is already happening in that area already

**63. Received October 19, 2021**

**Name:** bonnie wicklund

**Comment:** PLEASE do not tear down the Chevy Chase Library! I have lived in the North Chevy Chase neighborhood for more than 40 years and I visit the library weekly. It is such an asset for this community. Moreover, the neighborhood now has two high rise apartment building, and will soon have several more in the Chevy Chase Lake development--enough is enough!

**64. Received October 19, 2021**

**Name:** Deborah Jacobs

**Comment:** I would suggest that the County renovate the library and add an upper floor or two with rental apartments to serve the low to middle–income residents who work in our libraries, schools and other County agencies. Many of these workers cannot afford to live in the County anymore and must commute long distances, contributing to the heavy traffic. I have used this library frequently and have never seen the parking lot even half full, so I don't believe that parking will be an issue.

Anyone living at this location can easily use public transportation.

**65. Received October 19, 2021**

**Name:** Cantor Rochelle Helzner

**Comment:** Until we know the impact of the new residential facilities and transportation development, I would recommend not building more residential housing at this time but to only renovate and update the existing library.

**66. Received October 19, 2021**

**Name:** Susan Hutner

**Comment:** I do not think it is a good idea at this time for the county to pursue a public-private option on the site of the library. There is already a lot of new development occurring in the area and we don't yet know the impact of this development. I would like to see a renovated or new library on the site without any additional development. In addition, if a major new development occurs at the site it will adversely impact parking in the area and reduce easy access to the library.

**67. Received October 19, 2021**

**Name:** Glenda Grogan

**Comment:**

I have been a dedicated patron of MC Public Libraries for 34 years. Although the Silver Spring Library is an impressive building, parking is challenging and is not free. Also, the size and location affect accessibility for those who have limited endurance. Although I live closer to Silver Spring, the Chevy Chase Library has become my home library. The ample, straight-forward parking, friendly and helpful staff, and the ease of use are refreshing and extremely useful in our congested urban area. Please do not turn it into yet another crowded, impersonal, challenging environment to navigate. We need the intimate simplicity and friendly, personalized service that make the Chevy Chase Library so special and appealing. Thank you.

**68. Received October 20, 2021**

**Name:** Loren A Pickrell

**Comment:**

I think the current library should be repaired as needed. There is a great deal of construction on Connecticut Ave. and more will be coming at the 4H Center site. Traffic is a problem as is and further development and increased housing will only make it worse.

**69. Received October 20, 2021**

**Name:** robert shapiro

**Comment:**

I support the idea of revitalizing the library, but I do not support adding either residential or commercial space in that location as well. The area around East-West highway and Connecticut is

already (and increasingly) congested and the upcoming redevelopment of the commercial space into multiple highrise buildings with the Ritz residences and other units will greatly increase congestion in the next year or so. Then there is the new Purple line station which will greatly increase traffic in this area as well. I hope that the county has already studied these impacts on congestion but I am not aware of any public issuance of such studies, or any conclusions that such upcoming developments will not have a material adverse impact on traffic congestion.

I assume there is no plan to increase the traffic lanes on Connecticut Avenue in this or any other area to address the increase in congestion.

**70. Received October 20, 2021**

**Name:** Savita Sharaf

**Comment:** I do not think there should be a public,private partnership to develop the library and have further housing in this area .  
We already have increased traffic with the current development and the effects of the purple line need to be seen .  
The Library should have repairs where needed and maintain it's Current atmosphere .  
Savita Sharaf  
P.S.  
I have been a resident in Chevy Chase for almost 50 years ,my children used the library and I have done so too .

**71. Received October 20, 2021**

**Name:** J. White

**Comment:** Anything more than a general renovation is premature. We need to know more fully how development at the Purple Line and the 4H property will affect traffic and congestion. Do NOT add housing and need for parking to the mix at this point. The current library does a stellar job serving the community.

**72. Received October 21, 2021**

**Name:** Glenn Milano

**Comment:**

I am opposed to the CC Library renovation being done as a public private partnership. It seems to me the desire to do so is coming from the developers because it is a highly desirable location due to the Chevy Chase Lake development and most likely the same developers that are doing that are pushing for this deal.

I am also highly concerned as to why Chevy Chase does or will not receive the funding that other MOCO library reconstruction projects have such as Bethesda and Wheaton or Silver Spring. Why are they afforded an excellent library space that is focused exclusively on the needs of the community that live there whereas Chevy Chase is not given the same?

As others have pointed out, the added traffic, congestion, wear/tear on public spaces, crime and pollution that is being brought in by the CC Lake project is already exceeding our community threshold for development.

I sincerely hope that the county does not ignore the community input (and I should hope the county

will be doing some kind of quantitative analysis of these comments?) and moves forward with the economic interests of the developers over the wishes of the current residents.

### **73. Received October 21, 2021**

**Name:** Cameron Moody

**Comment:** Chevy Chase Library redevelopment allows for additional mixed-use development near a new mass transit system. This area is at the intersection of several major transportation routes and will add to the variety of housing available in the area. This is the ideal location for higher density housing and will add to the vibrancy of Chevy Chase Lake. This will also maximize the use of the location and reduce the underutilized surface parking. The location of the site means there is minimal impact on the single family houses in the Hamlet community.

### **74. Received October 21, 2021**

**Name:** Susan Cutler

**Comment:**

I live behind the Chevy Chase Library. What we need is a functional library, NOT more redevelopment and traffic and an apartment building at the main entrance and exit to our neighborhood. The Chevy Chase Lake redevelopment, the lack of a grocery store and dry cleaners, and the Purple Line construction as well as the traffic prison of Conn. Ave. and East West Hwy and the cut through traffic has put this neighborhood at its limits of quality of living. The County has to put the brakes on this vast amount of redevelopment near me and the Bethesda CBD. These projects have not added to the quality of life for those of us who live here.

#### 75. Received October 25, 2021

**Name:** Mannie Collins

**Comment:** That section of Chevy Chase/Connecticut Avenue is already congested with 2 high-rise apartment buildings and a huge complex under construction at Chevy Chase Lakes. With that in mind, I see no need for yet another mixed use building. The purple line will eventually be there as well creating even more traffic. Keep the library as is – an oasis within all the "complexes." We do not need more of those. I'd rather see the renovations wait a few years in order to get the money than to give in and do a public-private partnership now.

#### 76. Received October 27, 2021

**Name:** Benjamin Bradley

**Comment:**

I strongly support the idea of redeveloping the library and providing affordable housing. Looking at the developer response summary, I think the EYA proposal to add 250 units with 30% MPDUs + 3 bedroom apartments is the most exciting opportunity presented. That would be 70 affordable units and space for families. For this project I think the county should look towards limiting the amount of parking in return for greater affordability. This current proposal includes building 60 spaces for the library and more than 250 for the residences. With access to transit options like the Purple Line, I think limiting parking to develop more affordable housing for folks who would be using public transit is a win win situation.

I think other options in proposals are also exciting, such as building workforce housing for folks like county employees and teachers.

Overall, I support the project, but I would like to see the county use this golden opportunity to develop

housing for people who need it and additionally providing access to amenities they and the community can benefit from (the library, transit, etc).

**77. Received October 27, 2021**

**Name:** Michael Dutka

**Comment:** I'd support a high density housing project at this site. Given the sites proximity to the future purple line and given the high value of housing in Chevy Chase it's clear a large number of people would love to live there. Let's not prevent them from doing so because it would be slightly annoying for the wealthy residents who live nearby.

**78. Received October 27, 2021**

**Name:** Joe Gillespie

**Comment:**

Hello,

This may be a repeat because I believe I already submitted comments but did not see them on the current list of community comments. If so, I apologize.

This area is in dire need of housing, and this presents a wonderful opportunity to develop the area further, especially given how close it will be to a new purple line station once opened. Having housing near or above the library provides another opportunity for people to interact with the library in a meaningful way, and I think developments, like the Rockville library, show how a library can really integrate and serve as a focal point for an area.

My only concern is that traffic on Connecticut Avenue is currently very dangerous for pedestrians,

drivers, and other users, especially children. I hope significant traffic calming measures are put into place on the highway to make life safer for those who live in this area.

Thank you.

#### **79. Received October 28, 2021**

**Name:** Susan Murray

**Comment:**

Our family uses the library every week. It's the single most important public resource to our family and it is in dire need of investment. The current structure isn't worth renovating – we need to start over and maximize the public space for the benefit of our entire community – to create and feed life long learners.

I advocate for a stand-alone library that can be subsidized by private dollars as they have for this beautiful Hudson Ohio library:

<https://www.hudsonlibrary.org/support-the-library>

Thank you for making our library a beautiful space for all of us!

Susan Murray Erceg

#### **80. Received November 10, 2021**

**Name:** Dara Segal

**Comment:**

I'm in favor of redeveloping the Chevy Chase Library as a public-private partnership with housing. This plan would help address the housing shortage we face in Montgomery County, and presents a wonderful opportunity for further development, especially with the nearby Purple Line operating in the future.

And on a personal note, living above a library really sounds like a dream. Creating that opportunity only makes sense as our community continues to grow.

**81. Received November 10, 2021**

**Name:** Susan Quill

**Comment:** Hello,  
I'm against the plan that includes more housing units. The new housing units coming on line just north of the library are not yet complete and when they do, we should evaluate the impact on traffic. Also, with these new units, there seems little need for even more. I'd like to keep the community feel of the current library which is priceless.  
Thank you for taking my comments.  
Susan Quill

**82. Received November 12, 2021**

**Name:** Marilyn Ruth Levitt

**Comment:** I would support the mixed use development option if the housing portion of the development would be affordable middle housing. Because the land is owned by the county, the county should have the leverage to require much more than the typical 12% or so affordable housing requirement for most multiple unit building permits. Because the building will be walking distance to a new metro station, the location is ideal. Let's use this as an opportunity to address the acknowledged shortage of affordable middle housing in our community.

**83. Received November 13, 2021**

**Name:** Henry Viechnicki

**Comment:** My family uses the Chevy Chase library weekly, like we used to do with the Silver Spring library. Now that it has been reconstructed, it is big and impersonal. We strongly support renovation as opposed to reconstruction.

**84. Received November 15, 2021**

**Name:** MR. LYNN WELLE

**Comment:**

To Chevy Chase Library Re Do Team, November 15, 2015

I attended the October 16, 2021 informal drop-in session at the CC Library. At that time the Mo Co County representatives said that a previous physical inspection and survey of the existing CC library building revealed extensive renovation requirements that indicate renovation to be impractical.

I agree that the current Chevy Chase Library building needs to be removed and replaced with a new Library facility. A new library building should be community and neighborhood friendly beyond what it has been and is today.

Your decision to informally explore a mixed use Chevy Chase Library / high density residential building via a public private partnership reflect a not friendly and insensitivity to:

>1< The quality of life for the immediate community and nearby neighborhoods. Additional high density

residences at the Chevy Chase Library site are the last thing needed in and or for the Connecticut Ave neighborhoods North from Chevy Chase Circle to the I-495 Beltway and beyond to Kensington.

- >2< Even before the massive new development in Chevy Chase Lake area, vehicle traffic volume inbound and outbound there on Connecticut Avenue and between CC Circle the I-495 Beltway and beyond to and from Kensington has been overly congested for a long time. This current and historic long standing vehicle traffic choked Connecticut Avenue is about to be severely impacted by:
- >a< The massive high density development at the Manor Road / Chevy Chase Lake area
  - >b< The Purple Line passenger station at Connecticut Ave.
  - >c< The 4-H Center property being converted /repurposed to some form of permanent residential use.
  - >d<

Supportive of improved quality of life, being friendly and sensitive to the immediate community and nearby neighborhoods would be a new combo library / community center facility as is represented by the Wheaton Library at 11701 Georgia Ave – Silver Spring, MD. Obviously there are different demographics represented by Wheaton v. Chevy Chase. The combo concept for a library/community center for Chevy Chase could be researched via survey to the Chevy Chase community.

Please explore formally the concept for a new building to accommodate a combo library/community center to replace the existing Chevy Chase Library.

**85. Received November 15, 2021**

**Name:** Blaine Collison

**Comment:** I'm an East Bethesda resident and use this library occasionally. Redevelopment through a public-private partnership would be fantastic! Absolutely expand available, sub-\$1M housing. This is a perfect and appropriate site to do such a thing. Very exciting!

**86. Received November 17, 2021**

**Name:** Wm. Le Roy

**Comment:** I support the mixed use replacement. In addition to the library program, consider including hoteling workspaces as part of the project. The federal government is expanding telework. Secure hoteling with access to reference materials in the library are a good fit.

The County needs more workforce housing. Consider 'missing middle' housing types as part of this project that increase housing options but don't greatly impact traffic. Quads, Duplex Apartments, Elevated Townhomes.

**87. Received November 27, 2021**

**Name:** Nathan Abraham

**Comment:** I think the DTSS library should be the model. While there aren't residences directly attached, it does a great job of sharing the space with nearby buildings while remaining accessible (Wayne garage) to patrons. The mix of toys and exploration spaces for kids is best at SS.

I will miss this quaint old library, but if it has to go modern, do it like DTSS.

**Received March 17, 2022**

I am strongly opposed to a mixed-use development, public/private partnership being used to redevelop our community library in Chevy Chase, MD. My children have grown up going to this library. They value the time spent surfing through the aisles to find the perfect books and sitting down to read together. They walk

there to get books and even do community service. It is a safe space that serves our community well. I urge you to invest in renovating our library by bringing it up to code and making the necessary renovations without taking away all that makes our library so special.

Thank you.

Michelle Mitchell

**88. Received April 11, 2022**

**Name:** Patty McGrath

**Comment:**

An invitation to think outside the box! I am writing to support the redevelopment of Chevy Chase Library with mixed-income housing. Montgomery County needs more housing, especially more affordable housing, in places close to transit. This opportunity would help the county to achieve racial equity and social justice and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transportation.

There is no reason that a County library should be a sole occupant of a plot of land. This much needed new library facility is a perfect opportunity to set a precedent: multiple County objectives and Departments collaborating to do something NEW. This should become the RULE - that affordable housing be built on every County owned property project.

Locating mixed-income housing on this site is important for many reasons. Chevy Chase is an expensive community to live in, and was kept out of reach for people of color throughout much of its history through discriminatory public and private policies. To address the racial and economic divide between the county's eastern and western areas, the county must intentionally create more affordable housing in communities like Chevy Chase. Housing is important in this location because it is near a future Purple Line station. Families are able to drive less and spend less money on transportation costs when living close to public transit.

The library and the broader community would be best served by redevelopment with mixed-income housing. Please seize upon this unique and important opportunity. Thank you.

**89. Received April 11, 2022**

**Name:** Molly Hauck

**Comment:**

Building more transit-oriented affordable housing on sites like this will help relieve the housing shortage affecting families like mine.

I live near a future Purple Line stop and my neighbors and I are concerned about being displaced. Affordable housing is already in scarce supply along the Purple Line and we are feeling the pressure. The County should take this opportunity to build more affordable housing near the Purple Line on land it already owns.

I worry about the kind of world my grandchildren will live in if we do not take care of the environment. We need more transit-oriented housing to reduce car use and curb climate change.

**90. Received April 11, 2022**

**Name:** Deborah beebe

**Comment:**

I am a Montgomery County resident and am concerned about the lack of affordable housing. My daughter wants to move back home to Montgomery County, but can't afford to rent here. Building more transit-oriented affordable housing on sites like this will help relieve the housing shortage affecting families like mine. Please consider development which includes more affordable housing and which will be so

conveniently located near the new purple line for Public transit. Thank you!

**91. Received April 12, 2022**

**Name:** Alexandra Bell

**Comment:** What a great opportunity to innovate with mixed use development – affordable housing and a library near the new Purple Line! Hopefully the building will be carbon-neutral also. An advantage with low-moderate income housing is that it tends to need less parking anyway. Please offer single bedroom apartments also. Our young people have so few rental options.

**92. Received April 13, 2022**

**Name:** Cynthia Marshall

**Comment:**

This is an opportunity for public land to be used for maximum public good. Co-locating affordable housing with the library, particularly since it is only a few minutes' walk from the Purple Line, make it an idea location for affordable housing that will lower carbon emissions by lowering the use of cars, provide the best opportunities for residents of affordable housing (affordable housing connected to transit is one of the very best strategies for people to get out of poverty), and address Montgomery County's overwhelming affordable housing crisis in part of the community that has had very little affordable housing development. Additionally, a taller building at that location will not be incongruent with the surrounding area.

**93. Received April 15, 2022**

**Name:** Pat Leibowitz

**Comment:** We all filled in a survey and we were told that the community did NOT want the library to be demolished. We do not need any more development in this area. We are being suffocated already with high occupancy buildings. Now are we being "played" by the county in order to get money from developers? I am very upset and am sure that our community is very upset that this could be done.

**94. Received April 18, 2022**

**Name:** Leslie Sussan

**Comment:**

I strongly support the option of a creative partnership to improve the library, provide services to the community, and create badly needed in-fill housing, especially housing affordable to those who have historically been systematically excluded from the area. I have lived for decades in the Holiday Park area, a little further up Connecticut, and I find the hostility to multiple dwelling unit options and rentals really appalling. Making every family buy a single-family house with a yard may seem appealing if you already have one but it excludes the vast majority of families in need of homes with access to jobs when the median price of a house here is pushing a million dollars. I see all these complaints about the renters making more traffic but the traffic on Conn Ave is surging more from spreading suburbanized areas of single family houses farther and farther from jobs. Certainly, lower income residents are most likely to use public transportation than homeowners are. I hope the Purple line will open nearby but anyhow there are good bus lines on Conn. New residents are not invaders; they are neighbors!

**95. Received April 20, 2022**

**Name:** Carolyn Cook

**Comment:**

Thank you for listening to the community who has enjoyed the Chevy Chase, MD Library for generations and for understanding that redevelopment must strike a balance between private, public climate and community interests.

With the huge redevelopment projects encompassing Bethesda, Chevy Chase Lakes and Chevy Chase Circle in, DC, residents look to gov't for a sense of stability and representation amidst hectic lives. It is important to preserve and refresh pockets of tranquility where we can find respite, mental, and social stimulation for our collective health, connection and wellbeing. Refreshing modest, open public learning spaces within communities surrounded by green trees, sunshine and skyline demonstrates your commitment to achieve this balance. Thank you.

**96. Received April 25, 2022**

**Name:** Barbara Selter

**Comment:**

As a long-time resident of Bethesda, I am very interested in the Chevy Chase Library Project. I often use the Chevy Chase Library and feel strongly that it is an important resource for the community. Further, as chair of the Montgomery County Commission on Aging, I am very aware of the tremendous need for affordable housing for older adults in the County. Despite recent Housing Initiative Fund funding increases proposed in the County Executive's Budget, the County still will not have enough affordable housing to meet expected population increases. Compounding the problem, almost all areas along transit corridors such as the Purpose Route are losing existing affordable housing, resulting in an increase in cost burdened renters. Rising rents will put more pressure on senior renters to choose between rent, food, and health care. Older adults are the fastest growing group in the county. As their numbers grow so will the number of older adult renters. In fact, by 2040, one in 5 residents will be 65 or older and one out of 3 will be 55 and older. Also, according to County data, over 65% of senior renters are rent burdened, spending more than 30% of their income on rent. The oldest seniors 75 and 85 plus face the greatest challenges because over time incomes tend to decline and housing cost

burdens increase, with some paying more than half their income on housing costs. The Chevy Chase Library Project provides an innovative way to increase affordable housing along an important transit route for older adults, making it easier for them to remain in the community in which they have lived for many years.

Another issue for me personally is that my adult children are seeking to come back to Montgomery County after leaving for college and medical school. They are struggling to find affordable housing for their families, so it will be difficult for them to live near me. I hope the County Executive will consider the importance of using creative projects like the library expansion to add to the supply of affordable housing so that seniors can age in place and have their children live near by.

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**97. Received April 27, 2022**

**Name:** CAROL S STERN

**Comment:** I am a Chevy Chase resident (4550 North Park Avenue, Apt T106) and use this library, but I strongly support the affordable housing option for use of this land. The county needs more affordable housing and this location is perfect for such a development. The Silver Spring library development is the perfect prototype for this Chevy Chase project.

**98. Received April 27, 2022**

**Name:** Paula Pruessner

**Comment:**

Please consider a simple remodel of the Chevy Chase Library. This area has so much traffic on a normal day, that it is hard to even reach the library from my home 2 miles away. Adding more homes and more

people would make this even worse.

I used to think the new Silver Spring library was great, but then I had children, and getting them from the parking garage across the street, down to street level, across the street, and up to the library itself has been so difficult that we no longer use this new library. We really appreciate the Chevy Chase Library, that it is single use (with community rooms) and easy to get in and out of.

The area has enough traffic as it is, with more to come once the apartments north of the library come online. Please don't add to the misery!

**99. Received April 27, 2022**

**Name:** Alison Gillespie

**Comment:** I support tearing down this library, building it back green and putting lots of affordable and market rate housing on top. I think that would be wonderful for the entire community, the entire county. This site is right next to lots of bus stops and the Purple Line which is ideal and good for smart growth. If we are going to institute affordable housing it must be done in the ENTIRE county and no section should be overlooked or left out of that. Let's use public land for public good!

**100. Received April 27, 2022**

**Name:** Paul Meyer

**Comment:** We need housing on top of the library! This library belongs to ALL of Montgomery County, not just Chevy Chase.

**101. Received April 27, 2022**

**Name:** Rebekah Kuschmider

**Comment:** Public amenities such as modern libraries improve the entire county. Adding affordable housing within walking distance of such amenities is a wise choice. This will be of benefit to people with lower incomes,

particularly older residents who are in need of walkable communities. I support this measure wholeheartedly.

**102. Received April 27, 2022**

**Name:** Mara Greengrass

**Comment:** I really hope that this project can move forward with green and affordable housing. For one thing, I'd love if my kids could grow up and still be able to afford to live in Montgomery County. For another, both kids have expressed great interest in living over a library someday.

**103. Received April 27, 2022**

**Name:** Jonathan Bernstein

**Comment:** So this will save the County money and yield a larger library than the existing one, plus provide housing close to a future Purple Line Stop. So why is there even a debate? This will be a lovely building that will be a credit to the community. Please move forward to kick this project into gear.

**104. Received April 27, 2022**

**Name:** Joe Reinhard

**Comment:** This is the perfect time and place to remodel the library into a dual use space with affordable housing in addition to a magnificent library! With such easy access to public transit and beautiful Chevy chase, our entire community would benefit from a combination project for redevelopment

**105. Received April 27, 2022**

**Name:** Deirdre McGlynn

**Comment:**

As a Montgomery County resident from the densely populated area of downtown Silver Spring, I strongly support the idea of keeping a residential housing component in the Chevy Chase Library Project. It makes sense from a transit standpoint - it's walkability and nearness to transportation and trails make it an excellent place for median income Montgomery county residents, especially people who want to escape a car dependent lifestyle. It makes financial sense for the value of this parcel of public land to be leveraged to bring in more revenue to the county, while providing additional much-needed affordable housing. I also think it makes sense from the standpoint of building a robust and diverse community to add a non-single family home option to this neighborhood, which otherwise is unaffordable to all but six and seven figure income families and individuals.

Thanks, Deirdre McGlynn

**106. Received April 27, 2022**

**Name:** Michael Starnes

**Comment:**

I support the inclusion of badly needed affordable housing in the renovation scenario. The average cost of a home in Chevy Chase is over \$1.3 million dollars, a sum totally out of reach for most people. While some people have concerns about traffic, building housing where people live and work may actually cut down on traffic, noise, and pollution. Rather than having people commute to Chevy Chase from upcounty or Arlington, this presents a fair opportunity for working class folks to not have to commute an hour a day just to access our community.

While it is fair to be against the growth in traffic, proponents should not block housing just because traffic exists. Do the opponents of the affordable housing aspect not drive? Do they not create traffic?

Affordable housing is badly needed, and this project will help avoid sprawl and additional traffic inherent in single family developments.

Those who are familiar with the history of Chevy Chase know the city was developed with zoning meant to keep

African-Americans out of the city by design. Even if a law or regulatory process don't mention race or class, it can still be clearly unfair or biased.

I hope the 2022 version of Chevy Chase sees that a complete community is more fun. The 1930s Chevy Chase messed it up, and left the town worse off for it.

**107. Received April 27, 2022**

**Name:** Arnob Alam

**Comment:** I support this project because I want to see more affordable housing (and all sorts of housing) as well as other community developments in Chevy Chase. It will make our neighborhood inclusive and help lower rents.

**108. Received April 27, 2022**

**Name:** Nicole Elizabeth Applin

**Comment:** This is a wonderful idea that is long past due and will make a great example for others in the future.

**109. Received April 27, 2022**

**Name:** Nora Howley

**Comment:** I grew up in Kensington and used the Chevy Chase Library as a child. I now live in downtown Silver Spring and support multi-family housing with a renovated library. The location near the Purole Line offers a great opportunity to create housing.  
Thank you

**110. Received April 27, 2022**

**Name:** Maren

**Comment:** This is an exciting opportunity to colocate housing with a wonderful county amenity--the Chevy Chase library. I hope the county does not miss the opportunity to provide the affordable housing we do desperately need.

**111. Received April 27, 2022**

**Name:** Adam Daniel

**Comment:** Please promote building more housing. This site is perfect for it, especially with its proximity to transit. Affordability of housing, equity, opportunity and fairness all hinge upon more housing.

Adam Daniel  
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**112. Received April 27, 2022**

**Name:** Ben Bellows

**Comment:** As a Montgomery County resident living near to Chevy Chase, I am in favor the proposed plan to introduce affordable housing into the renovation plans for the library. It is an ideal use of space for the betterment of the community and support of community members in most need. Such an approach is only going to be a positive for the broader community of Chevy Chase and the county. Bravo to the activists and designers who have brought the concept this far.

**113. Received April 27, 2022**

**Name:** Ashley Evans Brookshier

**Comment:** Dense infill development like the proposal to build housing on top of a new Chevy Chase library is the best way to address our housing shortage and slow climate change. Please don't miss this no-brainer opportunity for our community!

**114. Received April 27, 2022**

**Name:** Joshua Klemm

**Comment:** Our public spaces represent an important opportunity to make important improvements in our county. Please consider the proposal to include affordable housing as part of development of the library. It's to the benefit of all MoCo residents.

**115. Received April 27, 2022**

**Name:** Cara Jackson

**Comment:** I am in favor of rebuilding Chevy Chase Library as a green building with affordable housing on top. The county needs more affordable housing, and building higher density housing close to transit is an environmentally responsible way to accomplish this.

**116. Received April 27, 2022**

**Name:** Lisa Carlin

**Comment:** I am strongly in favor of the library including affordable housing units. Opportunities for affordable housing like this must be taken if we want to put values of equity into action.

**117. Received April 28, 2022**

**Name:** Peter Tantisunthorn

**Comment:** Please include as much affordable housing as possible in the redevelopment of Chevy Chase library. Thank you.

**118. Received April 28, 2022**

**Name:** Emily Tyler

**Comment:** As a Montgomery County resident, I am strongly in favor of rebuilding the Chevy Chase Library to be both more environmentally friendly and to include housing on top. I know that there have been voiced concerns about how such a development would detract from the neighborhood, but I think it would make the area more vibrant. And imagine a child whose family perhaps doesn't have a lot of money how world of ideas could be opened to them by living in the same building/block as a library, were such a development built.

**119. Received April 28, 2022**

**Name:** Kelly Homer

**Comment:**

I am fully for green building for our future. Our number one priority right now should be public safety. We need to look at this for now and for the future. The evidence is clear--we need to make radical changes in order to save what we have. We cannot keep kicking the can down the road--and I get that people don't want it in their neighborhood--but they aren't the only public. They are saying 'not in my backyard' because they haven't had to struggle, and I --as a resident of Montgomery County-- will not stand for this anymore. Wealthy landowners have had a long run in this country and as we are on the brink of ecological collapse, we can no longer let them get what they want. If we want a society worth saving, it can't be for some. It has to be for all of us. We need it green, and we need it affordable. We need to house our elderly--they deserve this. It should no longer be acceptable that we only think of ourselves and our situation--we didn't get here on our own, and we can't block people because

they aren't the 'right kind.' And you cannot convince me that anyone who opposes this project is considering anything but themselves and/or their home value. Do not let their -ism (racism, classism, ageism--take your pick) tarnish our society. If they want to live alone, they can exit society. But that is fully alone--not on our roads, not in our schools, not in our libraries--try it alone.

**120. Received April 28, 2022**

**Name:** Jordan Day

**Comment:**

I support the redevelopment of the Chevy Chase Library to add badly needed housing to the Connecticut Avenue corridor. This project presents a golden opportunity to leverage a massive transit investment in the Purple Line to provide environmentally friendly, affordable units in a part of the county where they are sorely lacking. There are countless examples of sensitive, well-designed, apartment buildings with libraries inside that the county can draw on to fully realize the potential of this site. A small group of neighborhood residents shouldn't be able to decide who gets to live in their community: please build affordable housing here.

**121. Received April 28, 2022**

**Name:** Alice Howard

**Comment:**

This is an opportunity for Montgomery County to maximize land use and provide opportunities for affordable housing along major transportation routes and public transit lines. This corridor of Connecticut Avenue already boasts a large number of mixed use developments, and the provision of affordable housing is, at this point, a necessity. Montgomery County has become prohibitively expensive for so many, especially those who work in service industries, schools, and community resources. Offering a way for them and their families to thrive in Montgomery County benefits all, and combining these housing opportunities with the incredible Montgomery County Public Library system is meaningful start. Speaking as a public librarian, being able to serve those from mixed incomes and different backgrounds is an integral part of librarianship. Having frequented this library as a child, teen, and young adult, I would be thrilled to see the library evolve to serve more than just the homogenous population of upper-middle class individuals it has in past. All benefit from a library, and a library benefits from all.

**122. Received April 28, 2022**

**Name:** Tony Camilli

**Comment:** There's a huge shortage of affordable housing in the metro DC area, but especially in wealthier enclaves like Chevy Chase. This is not an accident, but, rather, is based on structural racism. Therefore, I support the repurposing of this site into a mixed-income housing project with a ground-floor library replacement.

**123. Received April 28, 2022**

**Name:** Sanjida H Rangwala

**Comment:** Please build housing on the Chevy Chase library site! Thank you!

**124. Received April 28, 2022**

**Name:** Elizabeth Conklin

**Comment:** Our family have been Montgomery County residents since moving here from Northeastern Pennsylvania in 2003. One of the reasons we chose Montgomery County was the rich diversity of the population and emphasis on progressive planning. I am fully supportive of a plan to leverage public private partnerships to create mixed use housing in conjunction with a library renovation at the Chevy Chase site. Libraries are for all, and an opportunity for housing in this location is much needed. Thank you.

**125. Received April 28, 2022**

**Name:** W Chan

**Comment:** I strongly support the plan to add affordable housing to the redevelopment of the Chevy Chase Library site. Adding affordable

housing is essential to keep this part of MoCo vibrant and inclusionary as not everyone can afford a single family home. We need essential workers in Chevy Chase/Bethesda. Single family zoning is exclusionary and anti-equity. A developer would gladly redevelop the site and include a library along with affordable housing. The District has used this approach to much success.

**126. Received April 28, 2022**

**Name:** Katherine Lucas McKay

**Comment:**

I strongly support the options for redeveloping the Chevy Chase library that include Affordable Housing. Mixed-income with MPDUs would be better than nothing. However, the County should aim higher. This is a rare and excellent opportunity to deliver on the County's goals of making MoCo more welcoming, affordable, young family friendly, and a good place to for workers. I recommend the County pursue options that include LIHTC financing for deeply affordable units that are 100% ADA accessible. We have not added to the number of those units countywide in years. The project should include housing affordable to people receiving disability benefits, which is well below 50% of area median income. The County should not any pursue the options that don't include housing. This is an exciting opportunity and I hope to see the County make the most of it.

**128. Received April 28, 2022**

**Name:** Brian Sperling

**Comment:** I fully support redevelopment of this site to incorporate housing, with a strong preference to affordable housing.

**129. Received April 28, 2022**

**Name:** Susanna Parker

**Comment:**

Affordable housing over the Chevy Chase Library is a great step in reducing the housing crunch here in Montgomery County. The site is located near major job centers in Bethesda, Silver Spring, and Friendship Heights, with access to Metro's Red Line at those same locations. It is also within walking distance of the future Purple Line Station at Chevy Chase Lake, and on several major Metrobus routes including the J line and the L8. Rather than pushing development further out, we should focus on increasing density in walkable and transit-accessible neighborhoods, and Chevy Chase is a great location for such a project.

**130. Received April 28, 2022**

**Name:** Mary C. Hart

**Comment:**

Affordable housing that is integrated into all communities is essential. We are losing teachers because they can't afford to live in MoCo. We are more than capable of housing all of us and this project is a small step in the right direction. Please approve this plan.

**131. Received April 28, 2022**

**Name:** Robert Hunter

**Comment:**

I strongly support renovation of the existing library, and strongly oppose a new public-private, mixed-use development on the site.

**132. Received April 28, 2022**

**Name:** Kelly O'Keefe

**Comment:**

I am 100 percent in favor of building housing on top of the library, including affordable housing. It is ridiculous that this is even up for

discussion.

Where was the protesting when Safeway disappeared and the single family homes went up? I didn't hear any protesting. How on earth is this any different?

**133. Received April 28, 2022**

**Name:** Amy Ginsburg

**Comment:** I strongly advocate FOR building affordable housing on top of the Chevy Chase library. This is an outstanding opportunity to offer housing near transit that our low and moderate-income residents can afford. We should not let this opportunity pass us by.

**134. Received April 28, 2022**

**Name:** Mandy Katz

**Comment:**

I no longer vote in Montgomery County, having moved to D.C. after 15 years there ( in Bethesda), but wanted to weigh in on this debate because so much is wrong with it, with implications going beyond one library or county. Chiefly, the town's input against welcoming new residents argues for limits on public input if it gives greater weight to some voices merely because they already live in neighborhoods slated for change. If Montgomery County, amid a dire housing shortage, aims to promote housing, why should empathy-challenged NIMBYs be able to stand in its way?

I will leave it to others to unravel the conflicting arguments here about density ("too much traffic" but also "we like the big surface-level parking lot"). Chevy Chase is also where we saw a local country club determinedly fight the incursion of a \*bike path\* across its property. Have these anti-traffic activists supported public transit lately or taken an interest in how people get around beyond advocating for speed bumps on their blocks?

Then there's the insistence that MCPS can't handle the strain of new students, even though student populations fluctuate widely over time. How many of those making that argument even have children in the schools? How

many voted for more generous school budgets?

Deferring to those who say, "this is our town and we like it as it is (so keep others out)" never should be and never was a rational or just way to allocate public land. The tenor and content of opposition to housing (and, god forbid, renters) in this project harkens back to darker times in MoCo and, specifically, Chevy Chase. Let's not forget that Chevy Chase (A) was built by \*private\* "developers" of the sort disparaged by this project's critics; and (B) those developers sold only to White people and required "covenants" against future sales to Black people or Jews – restrictions that lasted for decades. It's time for Chevy Chase to enter the latter 20th century, at least, if not the 21st.

**135. Received April 28, 2022**

**Name:** John Wilson

**Comment:**

The Committee on the Future of the Chevy Chase Library writes, "Beyond the additional housing being developed now and in the future within the Town Center, it is difficult to understand why more housing would be needed outside the Town Center."

This is because the Committee hasn't thought about the needs of the many people who are being forced to look for housing far from their jobs in or near the urban area of Montgomery County. It has thought very hard about the preferences of existing Chevy Chase residents. If the Committee members give some thought to the matter, surely they'll come to understand why more housing is needed throughout the urban areas of Montgomery County.

Then it just becomes a question of "Where?" and not one of a failure to understand.

**136. Received April 28, 2022**

**Name:** Mary Beth Hastings

**Comment:** I hope that the development of this site will include affordable housing. There's an incredible need in our county for more housing,

especially for lower and middle income families and individuals. It's important that we have infill development for housing, close to public transportation and services like this would be. Thanks so much!

**137. Received April 28, 2022**

**Name:** Tony Byrne

**Comment:**

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. I am a 24-year County resident.

I have watched the County struggle to place affordable housing next to jobs and transit. We have four affordable housing sites underway in SS and two in Bethesda, but none in Chevy Chase. I note that CC is increasingly building senior-living apartments (good!). Where will the people live who work in those facilities? Likely farther out, putting even more traffic pressure on Connecticut Avenue.

The MoCo I know and love has tried to share burdens and opportunities -- within schools, transit, commerce, and other domains -- and this should be no different.

Please move forward with affordable housing -- and market-rate housing as possible in this location.

Best wishes!

**138. Received April 28, 2022**

**Name:** Kelly Doordan

**Comment:**

I support building a new green building with residential housing on top at Montgomery County's Chevy Chase Library site. I hope we won't miss this opportunity for the county to help provide much-needed housing that is also near public transit and trail options. These kinds of projects (increasing density near transit and increasing housing of all types) support the county's climate, livability, and equity goals. Building housing near transit is a way

to reduce road congestion and increase accessibility of community facilities to people without cars. Incorporating mixed housing types and affordable housing into this county library project can leverage the significant capital investment into broader community benefits.

**139. Received April 28, 2022**

**Name:** Jacob Allen Barker

**Comment:**

We need to do everything in our power to dramatically increase the housing stock inside the beltway and reduce and/or eliminate car usage within the beltway. Actually building a new library with as many stories of housing as is allowed (and hopefully more than is allowed) is the only right thing to do. Comments about increased traffic are a farce because of the insane proximity to the purple line with connects future residents to four different metro rail lines and the plethora of bus options. Car at not needed within the beltway, and continuing to making building decision around car dependency is literally killing constituents, whether or not they realize it.

**140. Received April 28, 2022**

**Name:** Padraic Renaghan

**Comment:**

I encourage the building of dense, mixed-income, and affordable housing along with the library at this site.  
Note I am a nearby resident (Village of North Chevy Chase) and strongly in favor of the purple line, the residential and retail around the purple line and Chevy Chase Lakes, as well as the same at the library site.

**141. Received April 29, 2022**

**Name:** Nicole Van Houten

**Comment:**

The county should redevelop the library with housing for the following reasons: housing affordability, density close to transit, housing close to jobs, environmental concerns and equity. This can

be the first such project to inspire many more similar public private partnerships with long term benefits.

**142. Received April 29, 2022**

**Name:** Michael Smith

**Comment:** The best way to alleviate the traffic in this area -- meaning NWDC and lower MOCO -- is to build more housing closer in. Please use this opportunity to add affordable housing to do so. In addition to being better for the whole community, it will be better for the library system as a whole to bring more people closer to better libraries.

**143. Received April 30, 2022**

**Name:** Leslie Jarvis

**Comment:**

I was born in Montgomery County, grew up in Bethesda, work for the county government, and live in Chevy Chase within walking distance of the library in a home I purchased over 25 years ago. I fully support redeveloping the Chevy Chase Library to include more affordable housing. The history of the deliberate exclusion of Black and Brown people from this community is shameful and that history still reverberates to the present day. It is way past time for all of us to take steps to right those past wrongs. What better way than to use public land for the public good? Building affordable housing next to an excellent public transit infrastructure makes perfect sense and I do not believe it will negatively impact traffic in the region. We need more housing next to public transportation, not less. YES IN MY BACKYARD!

**144. Received April 30, 2022**

**Name:** Barbara Weiss

**Comment:** I support including housing as part of the Chevy Chase Library project. This location is a great opportunity to increase and diversify

Montgomery county's housing options that are accessible to public transportation.

**145. Received May 2, 2022**

**Name:** Joshua White

**Comment:**

Good Afternoon,

I am writing in support of adding affordable housing to the Chevy Chase Library Project. Chevy Chase has a history of exclusivity and (frankly) segregation. It has become unimaginably unattainable for even "middle class" individuals to attain housing here. A similar project, the Silver Spring library, was able to do this successfully. Simply put, public land should be used for the public good. As such, I ask that you consider adding affordable housing to this important project.

Thank you,

Josh White

**146. Received May 9, 2022**

**Name:** Donald L. Horowitz

**Comment:**

The library site is not large enough to accommodate the library and housing above it. The parking lot is not large enough, so parking would need to go underground. To finance that with subsidized housing would require multiple stories, not the modest structure that has been discussed. Conn. Ave. is already far overburdened with traffic and will get worse when all the Chevy Chase Lake development is occupied. Follow the residents' clearly stated wishes, and

don't taint yourself with developer-inspired demands from non-resident activist groups!

**147. Received May 11, 2022**

**Name:** Suzanne Nash

**Comment:**

I am writing to support the redevelopment of Chevy Chase Library with mixed-income housing. The library is surrounded by multiple dwelling buildings housing residents in condominiums. It's on a busy location — directly on Connecticut Avenue — where single family homes are not built.

It would function much like the Upstairs apartments in downtown Bethesda that make a lovely addition to the community. It's walkable to the coming shopping district on Connecticut Ave and easy access to public transportation, including the Purple Line, a must have for many apartment residents.

The apartments behind the shopping area on Chevy Chase Lake would never be built today under the reasons given by those opposed to this opportunity.

Having that site contain only a library is a foolish waste of space and resources for the county. I'm the daughter & granddaughter of librarians. Libraries serve as important community centers and having residents with direct access to the services provided means it will become the best version the library can aspire to instead of a place people only access by driving over to it occasionally.

The design could be such that the library is emphasized by one entrance and a separate section of the building for the residential entrance.

Look at how the Rockville Library is in the center of the bustling community and the energy it enjoys from the surrounding people.

Then look at the lone building currently housing the Chevy Chase Library. Chevy Chase NEEDS this addition. And it's a waste of resources to renovate instead of rebuild anew and take advantage of the site. Little Falls Library should be developed the same way.

I urge you to do what is best and not let fear and prejudice prevent the wisest outcome. Thank you.

**148. Received May 16, 2022**

**Name:** Greg Cope

**Comment:** I am strongly opposed to building affordable housing on the site of the Chevy Chase Library. This area is already overburdened with vehicles and high density apartments. It would further decrease the livability of the area with the three new apartment buildings being built in an already clogged Connecticut Avenue corridor.

**149. Received June 1, 2022**

**Name:** Laura Foggan

**Comment:** I urge that the existing Chevy Chase library be renovated on its existing footprint. I oppose a mixed-use project in the place of the existing library, which would bring added congestion to an already busy and burdened area. The library is a small haven for the community, and should remain so. There is benefit in retaining the current size and focus of the library as a local resource, rather than changing the space and building up and out to bring in more housing, and with it more cars and greater need for parking, roadways -- and other services. I urge you to retain the small, community character of the Chevy Chase branch of the library. It is an asset to the community.

**150. Received June 8, 2022**

**Name:** Abby Kurtz

**Comment:** The Chevy Chase Library is a safe, quiet refuge for learners. It is a public space and many of our youngest residents' first association with the power of reading. A retail component would be a distraction and rob patrons of this sanctuary. A library deserves to be the priority in its own home.