Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 7E

Resolution in Support of the Development of RFK Stadium with Contingencies for Retail, Restaurant, and Public Spaces for Residents

ANC Resolution 7E-25-001

WHEREAS, the RFK Stadium site presents a significant opportunity for community revitalization, economic growth, and enhanced quality of life for District residents; and

WHEREAS, the redevelopment of RFK Stadium should prioritize the needs of residents by incorporating 25% of the developed property for mixed-use spaces that promote accessibility, economic opportunity for minority and women owned business and community engagement; and a 25% commitment to retail and restaurant offerings in the redevelopment and construction plan will stimulate local business growth, create jobs, and provide essential services to surrounding neighborhoods in ANC 7E and throughout Ward 7; and

WHEREAS, public spaces such as parks, plazas, and recreational facilities are designated in the renderings and vital to fostering social cohesion for both east and west of the Anacostia River to promote health, and wellness among residents; and

WHEREAS, any development must ensure equitable benefits for all residents and for community benefits in the amount of \$150,000 over 10 years for grants and programming for local non-profit organizations in ANC 7E, and including affordable retail options, hiring commitments, and safeguards against displacement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC 7E supports the redevelopment of the RFK Stadium site under the following contingencies:

- 1. Inclusion of Retail and Restaurant Spaces:
 - The development must allocate a minimum of 25% of commercial space for locally owned businesses, minority/women-owned enterprises, and affordable retail options.
 - Priority leasing opportunities shall be given to District-based entrepreneurs.

2. Creation of Public Spaces:

- The plan must incorporate accessible and well-maintained public spaces, including parks, playgrounds, walking trails, and community gathering areas east and west of the Anacostia River.
- Public spaces should be designed with input from residents in 7E through community engagement processes.

3. Affordability and Equity Provisions:

- 25% of retail and restaurant spaces must be reserved for affordable leasing rates to ensure small businesses can thrive.
- The development must include a community benefits agreement (CBA) with enforceable commitments to local hiring, workforce development, and minority contracting.
- Allocate \$150, 000 over 10 years for grants and programming for non-profits in 7E.

4. Transparency and Community Engagement:

- All planning and zoning decisions must involve robust community input, including public hearings and advisory neighborhood commissions.
- Regular updates on progress, leasing, and economic impact must be provided to residents.

5. Environmental and Infrastructure Considerations:

- The development must adhere to sustainable building practices, including green spaces, stormwater management, and energy-efficient design.
- Infrastructure improvements (transit, pedestrian access, bike lanes) must be included to support increased activity.

BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC 7E urges the District government and RFK development team to adhere to these principles and ensure that the RFK Stadium redevelopment serves as a model for equitable, inclusive, and community-driven growth.

ADOPTED at a regular public meeting of ANC 7E on June 18, 2025 in which notice was properly given, with a quorum of <u>4</u> of <u>5</u> commissioners present, and <u>3</u> of <u>3</u> commissioners required to be in attendance to achieve a quorum, established by a vote of <u>4</u> YES <u>0</u> NO <u>0</u> <u>PRESENT</u>

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION

Natasha Dupee ANC 7E04, Chairperson, ANC 7E Aaron Harris ANC 7E02, Vice Chair Dawn Cook ANC 7E01, Treasurer Ravi Perry ANC 7E06, Secretary