

# Friends of Kingman Park Civic Association



# Welcome!

RFK Future Meeting

October 18, 2023

Say hello to a neighbor sitting next to you!

# House Rules

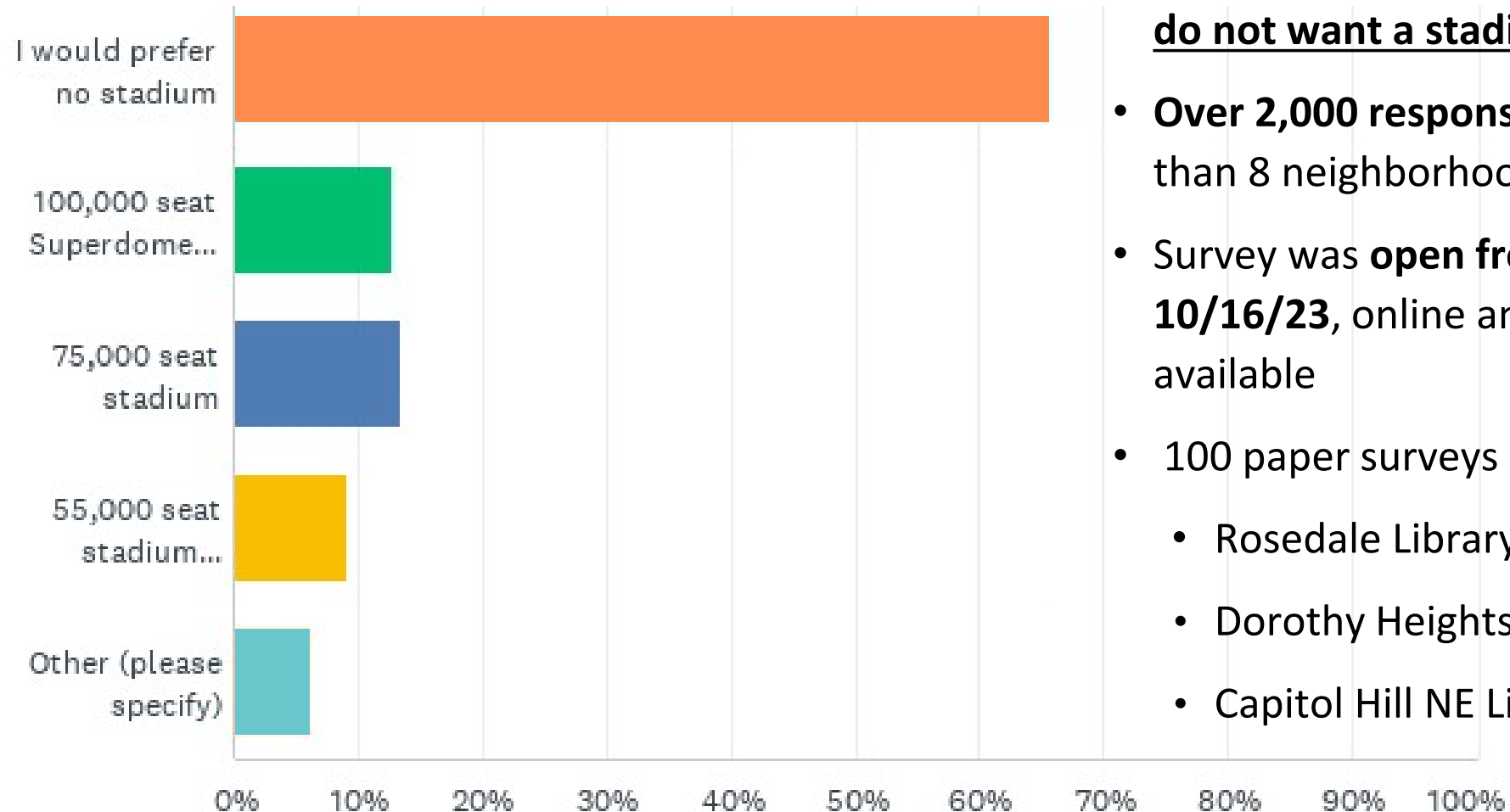
- We are accepting **questions on note cards** – we may not get to all of the questions; we will share any questions that are not answered in the meeting to the mayor's office to compile into a list of FAQs and post on our website
  - Any questions will be asked by members of the Task Force on behalf of the question-asker
  - We will be filtering questions that relate to the RFK site
- Any disruptive behavior, we will ask you to leave.
- **Thank you for your support!**

# RFK Future Survey Results

Prepared for FOKP Meeting  
October 18, 2023



# Survey results

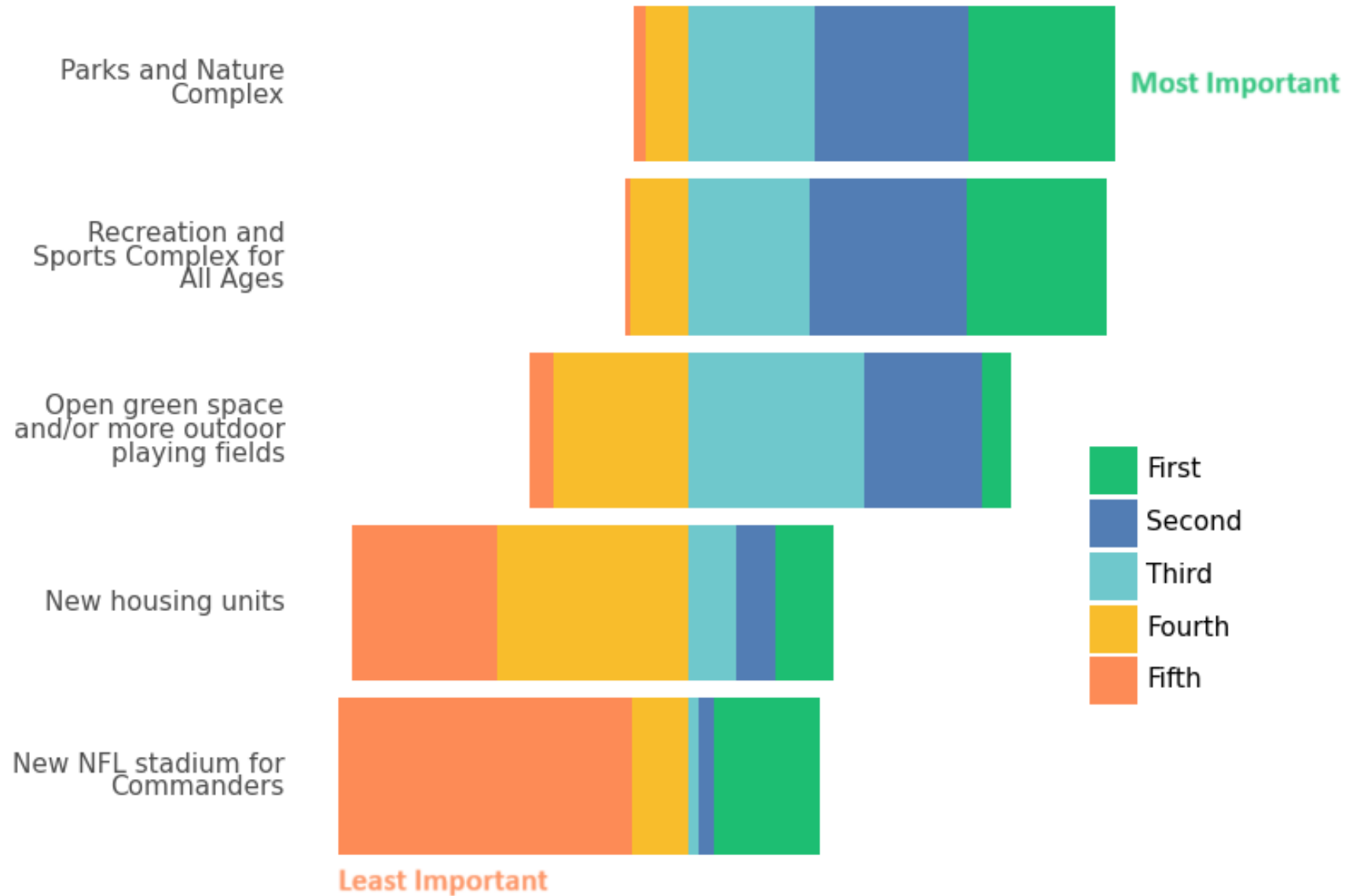


- **Two thirds (67%) surveyed online said they do not want a stadium**
- **Over 2,000 responses** received from more than 8 neighborhoods
- Survey was **open from 8/16/23 to 10/16/23**, online and paper versions available
- 100 paper surveys were collected from:
  - Rosedale Library
  - Dorothy Heights Library
  - Capitol Hill NE Library

# What does the community want at the RFK site?

*Choices ranked in order of preference by respondents*

## Ranked Preferences, Local Respondents Only





# Emerging Ideas from Over 1000 Community Comments

Ideas Included:

Skate Park

Basketball courts

Indoor Track

Swimming

Multi-generational  
housing

Hospital/Long Term  
Care Facilities

Grocery store

Retail & Restaurants







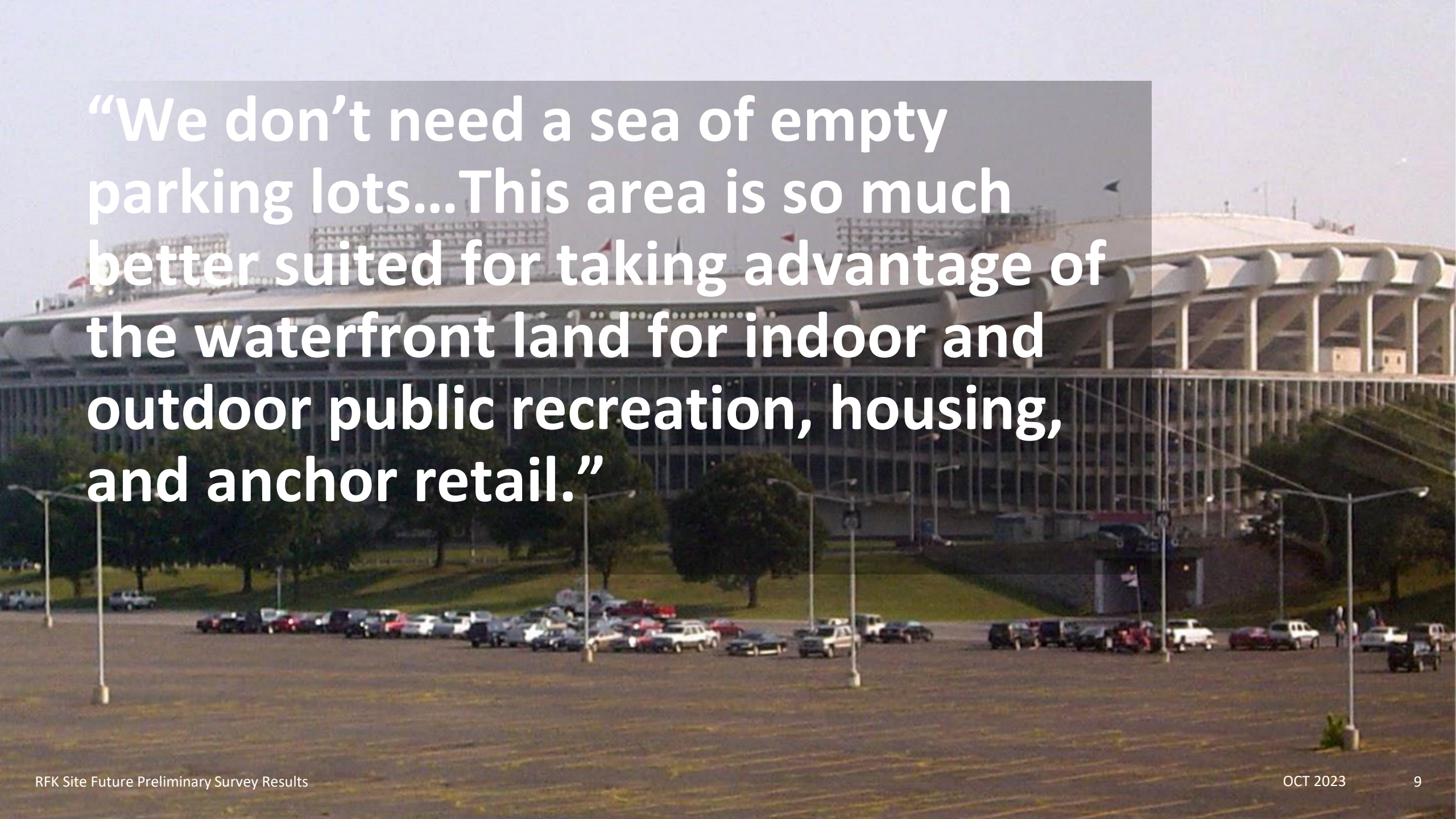
# Community Concerns from Survey Results

- Use of taxpayer dollars to pay for a new stadium
- Lack of parking enforcement
- Traffic and emergency vehicle access
- Public drunkenness and drunk driving
- Increase in crime, noise, public urination
- Increase in trash, rats, and pollution
- Tailgating in parking lots and other disruptive behavior
- Imminent Domain

# Neighborhood Needs

- \$375,000 for city-water connection for the Kingman Park-Rosedale Community Garden (funds expired and concerns about ground well-water contamination)
- Rosedale Library must stay in Rosedale, expand current site to full service library
- Address crime in the neighborhood (carjackings, robberies, drug activity etc.)
- Address parking and traffic safety concerns especially during festival events
- Triangle Park Oral History Art Project has been stuck in bureaucracy for years
- Farmers Market, Food Hall, Expand The Fields, More Sports, Dog Park
- Historic Kingman Park neighborhood designation flags
- Soundproof barriers for communities along the highways






**“We don’t need a sea of empty parking lots...This area is so much better suited for taking advantage of the waterfront land for indoor and outdoor public recreation, housing, and anchor retail.”**



A scenic landscape featuring a river or stream in the foreground, with a dense line of trees in the middle ground. The trees have autumn-colored foliage in shades of yellow, orange, and brown. The sky is a clear, pale blue. The water in the river is calm, reflecting the trees and the sky. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

**“This [the RFK site] is a tremendous opportunity. Please don’t blow it on a Billionaire’s playground.”**





**“Make this amazing space  
something for the community.”**

**“Make it a destination.”**





Find out more at  
[www.RFKFuture.org](http://www.RFKFuture.org)

**Thank you!**

If you would like to volunteer or get involved,  
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# Questions for Mayor Bowser

- 1. Community Needs:** People prefer to see this land be used for parks, recreation, arts, multigenerational housing before using this land for a stadium; how do you propose meeting the community's desire to see these items?
- 2. Taxpayer Dollars and Funding:** You have shared that it will be tough to fund all the things the city needs, our community has been told that there is no money in the budget for pressing needs; will you be using taxpayer dollars to fund the development of a stadium for the Commanders?
- 3. Traffic and Quality of Life:** We see the events (like Broccoli Festival and the National Cannabis Festivals) that EventsDC puts on and they create immense headaches for the neighborhood, creating wall-to-wall traffic, trash, drunk people in the neighborhood; what measures would you propose to ensure the quality of life for residents surrounding the stadium site isn't negatively impacted?



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- 4. Community Involvement in Decision Making:** How will you involve this community in the decision-making process since this would make a huge impact on our lives? What is the whole timeline from now to when DC makes it's bid – how long would that be? How will you take into account site usage planning, funding planning, environmental concerns?
- 5. Environmental and Health Concerns:** We read the environmental impact study from the 1990s and it looks like chromium levels and lead levels are very high, among others. If you were to build a stadium, how would you remediate these environmental concerns and when would the next environmental study happen?
- 6. Vision for RFK Site:** We know you want the Commanders, they might go somewhere else, what is your vision for this space if the Commanders choose to go to VA or MD?

# Additional Questions

7. **What other sites is the city considering** – are there sites downtown where all the abandoned office buildings are?
8. The permit on the Fields is temporary – **could the Fields be taken away** if you build a stadium?
9. **Eminent Domain** – How many homes were taken in eminent domain for the other stadiums? How many do you plan to take for this stadium?
10. We don't need a sea of empty parking lots – How would you address parking for the stadium?
11. **Virginia may bid \$1.5 billion**; what would DC's bid look like?

# Additional Questions

12. **How many seats** in the stadium do you want?
13. **How much traffic** will that bring to our neighborhoods? When will the **traffic study** be done?
14. **How many days a year** would the stadium hold events?
15. Could there be an **infill metro station** where the Streetcar ends?
16. Can we have a **permanent contact in Mayor's office** to get our pressing questions answered?