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Re: 2024 Congressional Women's Softball Game at Watkins Rec Center

At a properly noticed general meeting on May 14, 2024, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted 8-0-0 to submit the following letter to the DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)

ANC 6B supports the proposal by the Congressional Women's Softball Game (CWSG) to hold their June 26, 2024 game at DPR's Watkins Rec Center, adjacent to DCPS's Watkins Elementary School.

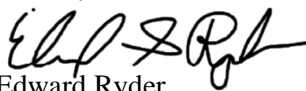
The CWSG has been held in our ANC at Watkins Rec Center for the past decade. We have found that CWSG continues to be committed to working with the community to ensure that the annual softball game is a fun, safe event that does not disrupt the residential community living near Watkins Rec Center.

CWSG representatives corresponded with us and also attended our May 14, 2024 public meeting. They reported that they worked with Watkins DCPS officials to ensure that this year's game will occur during the break between the main school year and summer school, and therefore not cause any disruption for school children.

CWSG representatives committed to implementing a security plan that ensures the safety of its high-profile Congressional invitees, while also minimizing neighborhood disruption. In particular, they pledged to avoid sidewalk closures whenever possible. They also committed to encouraging everyone who attends to use Metro Rail or other means that avoid driving, so as to minimize traffic and parking problems. Finally, and quite significantly, they reported that they have hired a custodial service, which will work alongside CWSG volunteers the night of the game to collect and haul out trash, recyclables, and litter, and ensure that CWSG returns the field to DPR in excellent condition.

Given the above, we find that CWSG has thoroughly prepared to host an event that will benefit the community. ANC 6B therefore supports their application to host the annual softball game at Watkins Rec Center. We request that DPR give great weight to our endorsement.

Thank you,



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