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My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

These funds were originally allocated for District 11 and now they are being allocated in a district that is NOT 11. How many times are we going to allow this to happen? Give our district the funds we voted for and were awarded.

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You are reallocating funds that you don't have the authority to reallocate. Please correctly distribute the RISE bond funds to their respective neighborhoods.

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Dear Members of Denver City Council,

My name is Marcus Weaver, and I submit this letter as public comment regarding Ordinance 25-1704, approving and accepting the park building plan for the maintenance and operations facility, equipment building, and storage building located at City of Cuernavaca Park. I am writing on behalf of the members of the District 11 Community Development Association (D11 CDA) and the residents we represent across Montbello, Green Valley Ranch, Gateway, DIA, Parkfield, Avion, and High Point.

In 2021, when I served as Council President, I worked directly with many of you to gather community input on priorities for the RISE bond. Through that process, a Regional Maintenance Facility for District 11 rose to the top as a critical need and was placed on the ballot—alongside an identical facility for Council District 1. This facility was intended to serve multiple

neighborhoods, more than 600 acres of First Creek at DEN Open Space, and approximately eight miles of the High Line Canal trail system. Each regional maintenance facility was allocated \$7.9 million, based on a standard design modeled after existing maintenance shops at Rosedale and Central Park.

Ordinance 25-1704 effectively removes \$5.4 million from District 11's originally approved allocation, leaving our district with a \$2.5 million prefabricated metal building in place of the fully funded Regional Maintenance Facility that voters approved. This is deeply concerning and, frankly, unacceptable. These were voter-approved funds, designated specifically for District 11, and should not be diverted elsewhere.

District 11 continues to experience rapid growth, increasing park usage, and long-standing maintenance challenges. Our park system is already under strain, and reducing promised infrastructure only exacerbates existing inequities. This action reinforces a troubling pattern in which District 11 repeatedly receives less investment, fewer resources, and diminished outcomes compared to other parts of the city—despite clear need and voter intent.

As President of the District 11 Community Development Association, I am appalled by the continued disregard for our district's needs, particularly in Parks and Recreation. Our residents deserve the same level of investment, follow-through, and respect afforded to other districts. The RISE bond represented a promise to voters. Diverting these funds undermines public trust and leaves District 11 behind once again.

I respectfully urge Denver City Council to halt the diversion of RISE bond funds from District 11 and to restore the full \$7.9 million allocation for the Regional Maintenance Facility as originally approved by voters. Please honor the commitments made to our community and invest equitably in the parks and infrastructure our residents rely on.

Thank you for your consideration and for entering this letter into the public record.

Respectfully,

Marcus Weaver

President, District 11 Community Development Association

Founder & Executive Director, Lower the Barrier Colorado

Denver, Colorado

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My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

I realize that funding that we voted on to be used for the Maintenance Facility in the Far Northeast will be reallocated to something else. I do NOT approve said reallocation. This was money we voted be allocated to us here in District 11 and it need to be allocated as such.

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I am a resident of Council District 11, and I am submitting this testimony in opposition to Bill 25-1704.

In 2021, Denver voters approved the RISE Bond with the clear understanding that each council district would receive equitable and transparent investments. For District 11, that included a fully funded \$7.9 million Regional Maintenance Facility to serve our growing communities—Montbello, Green Valley Ranch, Parkfield, Avion, and High Point—as well as critical assets like First Creek at DEN Open Space and the High Line Canal trail system.

Bill 25-1704 fundamentally alters that voter-approved commitment. By redirecting approximately \$5.4 million from District 11's allocation and replacing it with a \$2.5 million prefabricated metal structure, the City is delivering something materially different—and significantly lesser—than what residents were promised and voted for.

This is not simply a design change; it is a reduction in scope, quality, and long-term value for District 11. Our district continues to experience rapid growth, increased park usage, and heightened maintenance demands. Providing substandard or scaled-down infrastructure undermines our ability to maintain safe, clean, and accessible public spaces and sends the message that District 11 is expected to accept less than other parts of the city.

Moreover, reallocating voter-approved bond funds away from their original purpose raises serious concerns about trust, transparency, and accountability. If bond commitments can be significantly altered after the fact—without clear community consent—it weakens public confidence in future ballot measures and civic engagement.

District 11 residents are not opposed to fiscal responsibility or efficiency. However, efficiency should not come at the expense of equity or voter intent. The City should honor the original RISE Bond commitment and deliver the full \$7.9 million Regional Maintenance Facility that was approved, planned, and promised.

I urge City Council to vote NO on Bill 25-1704, stop the reallocation of District 11's bond funds, and uphold the commitment made to our community.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Hello All,

We need the community to sign up to testify on Monday at City Council that it is not acceptable to divert funds from our community. Money (\$5.3 million dollars) to build this proposed District 1 park facility approved in the RISE Bond is being diverted from the Far Northeast community.

Here is the link to sign up to oppose this bill. Please share with you networks and other community members.

Here a few talking points:

- A fully functional parks maintenance shop is key to high quality and safe parks.
- At this time there is no parks maintenance shop located in Denver City Council District 11.
- Denver voters approved two Park Maintenance facilities estimated to cost \$7.9 million dollars each. One would be located in District 1 and one would be located in District 11.

-The design for the shops is based on the new shop design of the Rosedale Shop and the Central Park Shop.

-Within City Council District 1 and the downtown area there is currently a District Headquarters shop and 6 satellite shops. Those shops are the District Headquarters at Cuernavaca Park (Park Ave.), the satellite offices are Camp Rollendat, North Logan, Gun Club (Sloans Lake), Sunken Gardens, Justice Center, and Centennial Gardens.

-In District 11 there are no park maintenance facilities, District Headquarters or satellite shop, which is highlighted on a DPR map (attached). The proposed facility that DPR is suggesting to currently build in the community is a prefabricated metal shed. This prefabricated metal shed would be placed in a brand new residential neighborhood. This is not acceptable and a standard shop based on the Rosedale or Central Park design should be built.

-This lack of maintenance facilities in FNE Denver is highlighted by the DPR Acquisition Program Update presented to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on Feb. 8th 2023.

-The presentation clearly shows why the construction of a District level park maintenance shop is needed in District 11 to address the inequitable placement. Looking at DPR's Equity maps on page 5, 6, 8, 11, and 12 support DPR's analysis in 2023 that District 11 should be the initial priority.

-This is what is stated on page 12 by DPR in the presentation.

Initial Priority: The Northeast Maintenance District Facility is the initial property, as it is a RISE Bond project. DPR Operations' criteria for the site include:

- 2 acres or greater in size
- Located between Chambers and Tower Roads
- Access off an arterial road with two access points
- Proximity to existing parks, trails and open spaces

This Bill approves moving \$5.4 million dollars from the planned maintenance facility for District 11 to District 1 so City Council District 1 has a total of \$13.3 million dollars for their replacement shop and District 11 will only have \$2.5 Million for a short-term solution for the brand new Far Northeast park maintenance shop.

Community members should oppose this bill for an ordinance to build this shop as it diverts money from Far Northeast Denver City Council District 11 to City Council District 1 to build a \$13.3 million dollar shop with our FNE Denver RISE Bond funds. Council members should vote this down until the funds for the District 11 park maintenance shop are restored.

#### Additional Information

I have not received any response from DPR about the diversion of \$5.4 MILLION Dollars of funds out of Far Northeast Denver but want everyone to know that DPR is taking the approval for the \$13.3 million dollar maintenance shop located in Cuernavaca Park to City Council for Final Approval which is where the money is going. This approval takes \$5.4 million dollars from the FNE community so they can build a 17,000 square foot shop downtown (diagram attached) and build us a prefabricated metal shed for \$2.5 MILLION Dollars.

The proposed Parks Maintenance Shop downtown would be the headquarters for this area

which would replace the shop at Park Ave. I cannot support the building of this shop at this time as it is based on the diversion of funds out of the Far Northeast. This shop will serve downtown and District 1 along with 6 other satellite shops (Gun Club (Sloans),, Sunken Gardens, Justice Center, North Logan, Rollendat, and Centennial Gardens). There was an agreement with River Mile to close Centennial Gardens but that was contingent on River Mile providing major improvements at Gates Crescent Park and Centennial Gardens and providing a million dollars to support the building of this new downtown maintenance facility.

Montbello, Parkfield, High Point and Green Valley Ranch do not have any maintenance facilities within the community that directly serve our community. That is why in 2022 we worked so hard to secure funding of \$7.9 million dollars to build a standard maintenance shop in the FNE. That standard design is based on the Rosedale and Central Park Shops. The amount of funding in the Rise Bond of \$7.9 million dollars of each of the two shops (one in District 1 and one in District 11) was based on the cost of those two shops.

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MONTBELLO, GVR is one of the fastest growing and last frontiers in Denver!

It is home to the most diverse and vibrant expanding population in Denver.

We are home to one of the most financial producing businesses in the world; DIA !!

How dare you take monies away from our Parks & Maintenance Funds that was allocated to this area for the safety & wellbeing of our residence, workers & voters!!

Let it be known, this 'mistake' will be noted to all our voters and corrections will be noted & appreciated.

Sincerely,

Elder Ron Taylor