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15239878

Public Hearings

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24-1142: An ordinance approving a proposed Development Agreement between the City and County of Denver, Kroenke Arena Company LLC, Kroenke Parking LLC and Fifth Street Ltd LLC, for the redevelopment of land surrounding and adjacent to the sports arena located at 1000 Chopper Circle, in Council District 3.

First Name / Nombre

Connor

Last Name / Apellido

Shea

I am a resident of: / Soy residente del:

District 7 / Distrito 7

I am... / Estoy...

FOR the item / a FAVOR del artículo

My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

Hello Denver City Council,

I'm 27 years old, and live in the Baker neighborhood, in District 7. I grew up in Colorado, and have lived in the Denver Metro area for 24 years.

I'm submitting comment to express my support for the Ball Arena redevelopment plans. The city would benefit hugely from plentiful housing and retail there, especially with the rail line going through it, making it easy to commute to work or go around the Denver Metro area via train.

This is regarding 24-1140, 24-1141, 24-1142, 24-1143, and 24-1169.

We currently have massive surface parking lots for Ball Arena that are unused most of the time, and the replacement of the Elitch Gardens amusement park land will have huge potential for housing and retail and open space. We have the potential to build more opportunities for people in Denver, and relieve the pressure of the current severe housing shortage.

Housing is the most important issue for me, I pay quite a bit for my apartment, as do my friends who have moved out of their parents' houses. My younger sister and brother want to move out of our parents' house, but they're unable for now as they're not making enough to afford rent in Denver, and won't be able to for a while, especially if prices keep going up.

Regarding 24-1141, resolving our housing supply problems is crucial, and we need to take down barriers that block us from improving our city and solving our housing crisis. We should not allow a small number of people prevent us from building *thousands* of housing units in the name of the view plane. It would cut the project down considerably if we deferred to the view plane.

When rent keeps increasing due to lack of supply, people living paycheck-to-paycheck become closer to experiencing homelessness. Even if much of the supply created is higher-end units, that will relieve pressure on older or more affordable housing by allowing people currently occupying those units to move into the new supply.

We need to take aggressive action to provide more supply of housing, and I hope you'll support the Ball Arena project in providing as much housing as possible by voting in favor of their zoning plans. We have a moral imperative to build housing for the good of our city and its people.

Doing nothing, or not doing enough, will only make the problem worse - and that has serious consequences for the people of Denver.

Thank you for your time, and your work.

Best,

Connor Shea

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First Name / Nombre
Dustin

Last Name / Apellido
Castrillo

I am a resident of: / Soy residente del:
District 7 / Distrito 7

I am... / Estoy...
FOR the item / a FAVOR del artículo

My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

Hello Denver City Council,

I live in the Capitol Hill neighborhood, in District 7.

I'm submitting comment to express my support for the Ball Arena redevelopment plans. The city would benefit hugely from plentiful housing and retail there, especially with the rail line going through it, making it easy to commute to work or go around the Denver Metro area via train.

This is regarding 24-1140, 24-1141, 24-1142, 24-1143, and 24-1169.

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Housing is the most important issue for me, I contribute half of my paycheck to pay for only half of the rent on my apartment, and so many of my friends who have moved out of their parents' houses also deal with this. I came here from Florida to escape state oppression for who I am and so many people just like me came for the same reason, we need to take action in order to make housing affordable for everyone.

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Thank you for your time, and your work.

Best,
Dustin

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First Name / Nombre
Leba

Last Name / Apellido
Sunshine

I am a resident of: / Soy residente del:
District 10 / Distrito 10

I am... / Estoy...
AGAINST the item / en CONTRA del artículo

My testimony: / Mi testimonio:
Denver City Council members.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a written statement this afternoon as part of the October 21, 2024 meeting.

I am requesting that City Council delay a vote on bill 24-1142, to take the time to consider the precedent these approvals will set.

Approval of this bill in the absence of further analysis and discussion will provide a template for future developers to use in their efforts to request exceptions to similar zoning laws.

While I am not opposed to the idea of the development of this land, I do suggest that the rezoning of view plans and the requests to vacate height requirements that are contained within the four bills (24-1140,24-1142, 24-1143 and 24-1169) before you, warrant further review.

Certainly, the creation of open space improved, infrastructure and added cultural venues is beneficial, there must be balance and room for collaboration especially in the scale of development of residential and commercial spaces as part of this proposal.

As a resident of Larimer Place, I am a secondary beneficiary of multiple view planes that are in place within the downtown Denver area. My fear is that the very benefits, chief among them

the view of the mountains, that drew me and thousands of others to call the Central Business District home, will be eliminated. The irony in all this is that KSE, at my expense, will surely market the proposed Ball Arena property as having those same mountain views and scenic surroundings that I am at risk of losing.

I am asking that Council temper its enthusiasm around the far-off promise of affordable housing units and increased revenues and consider the immediate need for more input from additional organizations such as the Larimer Place RNO on this significant and impactful proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

Leba Sunshine

Larimer Place Resident

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First Name / Nombre

Nathalia

Last Name / Apellido

De Souza

I am a resident of: / Soy residente del:

District 1 / Distrito 1

I am... / Estoy...

FOR the item / a FAVOR del artículo

My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

Dear Denver City Council,

As Obi-Wan Kenobi once said: hello there!

I live in the Chaffee Park neighborhood, in District #1.

I'm commenting to express my support for the Ball Arena redevelopment plans. The city would benefit hugely from plentiful housing and retail there, especially with the rail line going through it, making it easy to commute to work or go around the Denver Metro area via train. I would LOVE to see the space in this sort of town improved for the benefit of all peoples, and not wasted space for cars that sits empty a majority of the time.

This is regarding 24-1140, 24-1141, 24-1142, 24-1143, and 24-1169.

We currently have massive surface parking lots for Ball Arena that are unused most of the time, and the replacement of the Elitch Gardens amusement park land will have huge potential for housing and retail and open space. We have the potential to build more opportunities for people in Denver, and relieve the pressure of the current severe housing shortage.

Housing is the most important issue for me, I pay quite a bit for my apartment, as do my friends who have moved out of their parents' houses. This is a MAJOR issue in the city right now!

Regarding 24-1141, resolving our housing supply problems is crucial, and we need to take down barriers that block us from improving our city and solving our housing crisis.

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Thank you for your time, and your work.

With our city's best in mind,

Nathalia De Souza

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First Name / Nombre
Karolyn

Last Name / Apellido
Fagundes

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District 9 / Distrito 9

I am... / Estoy...
FOR the item / a FAVOR del artículo

My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

Hello Denver City Council,

I live in the ballpark neighborhood, in District 11.

I support the Ball Arena redevelopment plans.

This is regarding 24-1140, 24-1141, 24-1142, 24-1143, and 24-1169.

We have sufficient parking and we have the chance to relieve the pressure of the current severe housing shortage.

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Thank you for your time, and your work.

Karolyn Fagundes

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District 10 / Distrito 10

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FOR the item / a FAVOR del artículo

My testimony: / Mi testimonio:

Hello Denver City Council,

I live in the Central Business District neighborhood, in District 10

I'm submitting comment to express my support for the Ball Arena redevelopment plans. The city would benefit hugely from plentiful housing and retail there, especially with the rail line going through it, making it easy to commute to work or go around the Denver Metro area via train.

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Thank you for your time, and your work.

Best,

Folabomi

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First Name / Nombre
Katrina

Last Name / Apellido
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I am a resident of: / Soy residente del:
District 7 / Distrito 7

I am... / Estoy...
FOR the item / a FAVOR del artículo

My testimony: / Mi testimonio:
October 20, 2024
Council President Amanda Sandoval
Members of the Denver City Council
1437 Bannock St.
Denver, CO 80202

Dear Council President and Members of Denver City Council:
On behalf of the Center for Workforce Initiatives at Community College of Denver (CCD) and the construction workforce coalition WORKNOW, I am pleased to submit this letter to representatives of Denver's City Council to demonstrate my support for the recently announced Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) and in support of the rezoning and proposed redevelopment of the Ball Arena Campus.
I agreed to serve on the Ball Arena Community Benefits Agreement Committee (BACBAC) in part because of my experience facilitating WORKNOW, a construction workforce coalition that has previously partnered with the city and county of Denver to enhance local hire connections and workforce goals on public projects. In that work, I saw firsthand the value of connecting local

residents to economic development opportunities available within large scale development projects. It has been incredibly inspiring to experience similar priorities being negotiated on a private project over the past 15 months, for the benefit of Denver communities and residents, including underserved and low-income workers, as well as small businesses.

In addition to economic opportunity and workforce development, this committee focused on three other components across the year plus negotiation period--Affordable Housing, Infrastructure and Connectivity, Family, and Arts and Culture. I believe that the community will benefit from the terms and commitments we have received from KSE and the Ball Arena redevelopment team, as outlined in the full CBA previously shared with Council.

One of the standout components of the CBA is the commitment attained with KSE to contribute \$500,000 in scholarship funds specifically for descendants of Displaced Aurarians and Indigenous community members (split evenly between the two groups) with historical and cultural ties to this land. The Displaced Aurarian Scholarship Fund, the Metro State University Indigenous and Native People's Grant, and the CU Denver American Indian Scholarship Fund will be supported through donations triggered by the permitting of each new building for the first ten buildings developed at the site.

The \$16 million Community Investment Fund will also foster a range of economic and career development opportunities. Twelve million dollars of this fund is in a committed budget that will meet several community priorities, including supporting the creation of career pathways across multiple sectors through paid internships and apprenticeships, providing hands-on training and real-world experience, in collaboration with local non-profits and school districts. As an educator and program administrator at Community College of Denver, these benefits to support career learning and experiences for youth and both secondary and post-secondary students is of tremendous value to our learning community.

It is my opinion and experience that this agreement represents a comprehensive and community-driven commitment over nearly 15 months of meetings to ensure the redevelopment benefits a wide range of local stakeholders, with a focus on equity and opportunity for historically underrepresented communities.

If you need additional information about my support, please contact me at 720-289-9090 or email me at Katrina.wert@ccd.edu

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