



Councilmember Matt Frumin introduces a legislative package aimed at

Addressing Legacies of Housing Segregation

Councilmember Frumin introduced a legislative package to address the District’s growing housing shortage and remove legal barriers to constructing new housing units in far Northwest DC. The three bills address a legacy of segregation that runs counter to our commitment to expand opportunities to construct affordable, diverse housing options.

“These exclusive covenants should have been voided a century ago. They reflect a legacy of segregation and hinder housing development in our community.”
-Councilmember Frumin

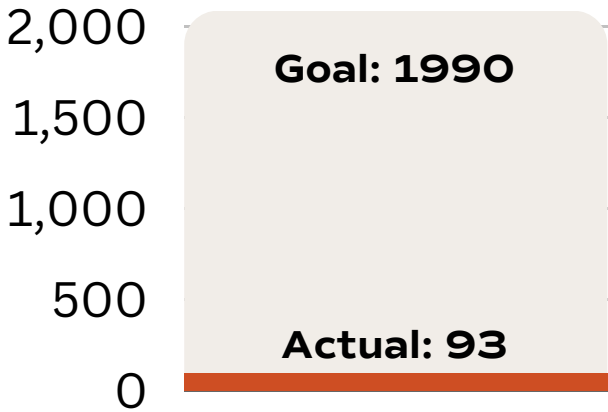
COUNCILMEMBER FRUMIN’S LEGISLATION TO ADDRESS HOUSING SEGREGATION

1 Addressing Legacies of Housing Segregation in Chevy Chase Amendment Act of 2023
The bill would declare void as contrary to public policy any pre-1938 covenants prohibiting multi-family housing on Chevy Chase Land Company lots where otherwise allowed by planning and zoning laws.

2 Addressing Legacies of Housing Segregation in Rock Creek West Amendment Act of 2023
The bill would declare void as contrary to public policy any pre-1938 covenants prohibiting multi-family housing in the Rock Creek West planning area where otherwise allowed by planning and zoning laws.

3 Releasing Restrictive Covenants in Deeds Act of 2023
The bill affirms that deed restrictions on the basis of demographic traits like race and religion are unlawful and void. It also creates a process for property owners to release these covenants from a deed.

Affordable Housing Units Created in Rock Creek West Since 2019



Source: Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) [dashboard](#).



“No one should have to live in a home whose deed says they are not welcome.”