

Statement on Council Vote on RFK Redevelopment Act

I pushed hard for stronger accountability to make sure the Washington Commanders deliver the housing and mixed-use development promised alongside the new stadium. My amendment to strengthen those protections did not pass. While I would have preferred a deal with tighter requirements and clearer enforcement, I ultimately chose to support the RFK Campus Redevelopment Act because I believe given the broad support on the Council this is a time to come together and press for the best implementation possible. If executed well, the potential benefits for the District are enormous. I look forward to being a partner in that implementation effort.

The RFK site can and should be a place where the District builds something extraordinary: new housing, good jobs, enhanced public access to the Anacostia River, environmental protections, and community benefits that reach residents citywide. This deal, even with its shortcomings, provides the framework to make that vision real.

As my vote indicates, I am committed to seeing this project succeed for the people of DC. The development has the potential to generate billions in long-term economic activity, deliver new housing and amenities, and serve as a unifying cultural and civic forum for the entire region. Now that the deal has passed, I join residents across the District in cheer for the Commanders' success on and off the field, and for the speedy construction of both the stadium and the surrounding mixed-use development our residents deserve.