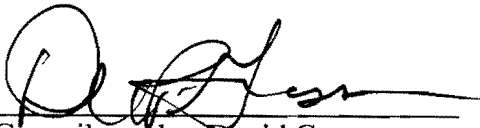
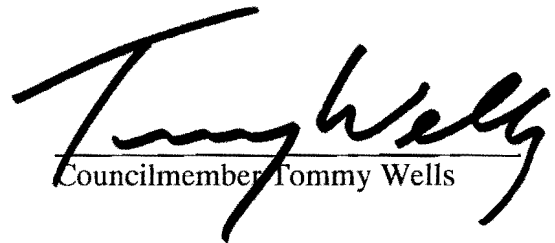


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6 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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9 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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13 To declare the sense of the Council that the District of Columbia should explore the conversion
14 of the parking lots at Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium to playing fields, a youth
15 sports complex, and green space.

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17 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
18 resolution may be cited as the “Sense of the Council Support for the Capitol Riverside Youth
19 Sports Park Resolution of 2013”.

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21 Sec. 2. The Council finds that:

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23 (1) The large surface parking lots at Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium are
24 constructed of impervious asphalt and are the single largest source of non-treated storm water
25 runoff into the Anacostia River;

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27 (2) There is a growing need and demand for athletic sports fields for the District's
28 children and youth involved in organized sports, and parks and recreational uses at this site
29 would connect many diverse neighborhoods along the banks of the Anacostia River;

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31 (3) Parks and recreational uses of the area would not interfere with the possible re-use of
32 the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium site as a professional stadium in the future, including
33 future parking needs, which could be designed in a way in that reduces the environmental impact
34 of structured parking;

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36 (4) The property where the parking lots are located is owned by the federal government,
37 and is leased to the Government of the District of Columbia for uses restricted to parks and
38 recreational activities. Further, the National Capitol Planning Commission (NCPC) completed
39 and approved planning studies in 2006 that determined the site should be used for parks and
40 recreational activities, and to serve as a gateway to the District from the east; and

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42 (5) “Removing Some RFK Parking Lots and Replacing them with a Youth SportsPlex
43 and Green Space” was the number one choice of District residents in a recent online survey
44 conducted as part of the Mayor’s Sustainable DC initiative.

1 Sec. 3. It is the sense of the Council that the District of Columbia should put great weight
2 on proposals for future use of the parking lots located at Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium
3 that directly benefit District residents and serve residents' needs for active recreational space,
4 consistent with the NCPC's plans. In addition, the Council recommends Events DC, charged
5 with leading a planning process for the reuse of the stadium and parking site, strongly consider
6 the conversion of parking lots into playing fields, a youth sports complex, and green space for
7 recreational uses.

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9 Sec. 4. The Secretary of the Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of
10 this resolution, upon its adoption, to the Mayor of the District of Columbia.

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12 Sec. 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in
13 the District of Columbia Register.