



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6E
455 Massachusetts Ave., NW #147, Washington, DC 20001

Mayor Bowser and Members of the Council:

On December 13, 2023, Monumental Sports announced a tentative deal to move the Capitals and Wizards franchises from the Capital One Arena to a new facility in the Potomac Yard neighborhood of Alexandria, Virginia. ANC 6E is deeply concerned by this proposal and is writing this letter to express its strong support for the Mayor and Council's proposed investment to keep the Capitals and Wizards at Capital One Arena in its current location in Chinatown.

ANC 6E encompasses the northeastern edges of Chinatown as well as the adjacent neighborhoods of Mount Vernon Triangle and Judiciary Square. Businesses in our neighborhood depend on the thousands of fans and concertgoers who travel to events at Capital One Arena throughout the year and patronize favorite restaurants and bars nearby. Many of these businesses are struggling with the reduced presence of office workers in the wake of the pandemic-driven shift to remote work and cannot sustain this additional blow to their customer base. Capital One Arena is an important economic engine for these businesses, as well as for the District as a whole by contributing crucial tax revenue which is used to provide vital municipal services to residents.

While ANC 6E is optimistic that the Mayor and Council will continue to push for a solution that keeps Capital One Arena in Chinatown, we realize that this is only one component of a comprehensive strategy that must be employed to revitalize our downtown neighborhoods. Regardless of the future status of the arena, we must move forward with visionary and transformational ideas that can transform our downtown into a vibrant, mixed-use neighborhood.

The Mount Vernon Triangle and NoMa neighborhoods, both located in ANC 6E, are proof that planning and development strategies that bring a mix of uses – residential, commercial, and entertainment – to downtown neighborhoods are a recipe for success that leads to vibrant communities.

The commissioners of ANC 6E express our strong support for the Mayor and Council's efforts to keep the Capitals and Wizards at Capital One Arena in Chinatown and urge you to keep up those efforts to maintain this crucial economic engine.

On behalf of ANC 6E,

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads "Christopher E. Hart". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chris Hart

Chair