

March 5, 2026

RE: SB883 & HB1078: - Economic Development - Maryland Stadium Authority - Carroll Park Soccer Stadium and Facility

To Whom it May Concern,

The Board of the Friends of Carroll Park (FOCP), and our surrounding communities, have received and reviewed the communications surrounding the potential of a MLS Soccer Stadium by D.C. United in Baltimore and we are opposed to the site selection of the historic Carroll Park Golf Course.

As stated in the MLS NEXT Pro Final Report, the community has expressed our opposition of this site from the initial conversations about the stadium until today. We do not support a stadium at the expense of our golf course, nor do we appreciate the continuation of support for this site in the manner of naming SB883 "Carroll Park Soccer Stadium and Facility" when the Final Report findings indicate that the Port Covington location may be better suited.

The Final Report states that the Carroll Park Golf Course is "zoned OS, which is an Open Space Zoning District designed to 'enhance the quality of life for City residents by permanently preserving public open space as an important public asset and critical environmental feature'" (Preliminary Design Report, 2025). To put a stadium on this location would decrease the quality of life for the citizens of the surrounding Carroll Park neighborhoods and would remove a space that was intended to be a protected green space for our community. We are active neighbors, users and developers of the Carroll Park region and our involvement as stakeholders in community development needs to be at the forefront of this discussion as we have been excluded from any productive conversations until SB883 received large public attention.

A stadium in Baltimore is welcome and applauded, but not at the Carroll Park Golf course. All continued discussion and proposed legislature should remove Carroll Park from consideration.

Thank you for your time,

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