

Who and What is WIN Ward 3?

We're members of a coalition of Upper Northwest congregations working to create housing in our neighborhoods that is affordable for people with a wide range of incomes – including teachers, librarians, caregivers, first responders, and grocery store, retail and restaurant workers. We've learned about our neighborhood's history of exclusion, first because of race, and later by economic forces. We want our neighborhoods to be home to those who are already a part of the community but haven't been able to afford to live here.

WIN Ward 3 is part of the Washington Interfaith Network (WIN), a broad-based, multiracial, multifaith community organization of about 45 faith and other nonprofit institutions from all eight wards in DC. Affordable, healthy, and safe housing has been WIN's priority since its founding more than 20 years ago. Our WIN Ward 3 team includes congregants of Adas Israel, Chevy Chase Presbyterian, National United Methodist, St. Columba's Episcopal, and Temple Sinai.

Join us in supporting affordable housing at the Chevy Chase Community Center and Library! This is a once in a generation opportunity.

We've proposed to DC and ANC3-4G that the project to build a new and updated Community Center and Library should include 100 units of housing (possibly fewer if we include more family-size units), priced to be affordable to those with incomes of 30-80% of the DMV's median family income (about \$143,000 for a family of four). This can be done in a variety of ways — including redevelopment by a nonprofit or for-profit developer or a community land trust. What's important is that DC include housing at varying affordability levels along with the library, recreational resources and green space so important to our community.

This is do-able! Email Ward 3 Councilmember Frumin to let him know you support affordable housing at the Chevy Chase Civic Core: mfrumin@dccouncil.gov. Let your ANC Commissioners know you support affordable housing at the Civic Core: https://anc3g.org/commission-as-a-whole/. Join us in making our Upper NW neighborhood more welcoming!

How can I help advocate for more affordable housing in upper Northwest?

- Urge the Council, the Mayor, and ANC3/4G to move forward with affordable housing at the Chevy Chase Civic Core, and to remove outdated covenants that would prohibit building multi-family housing on Connecticut Avenue. To contact ANC3-4G, write https://anc3g.org/submit-public-comments/.
- Attend our monthly informational meetings. WIN Ward 3 members meet via
 Zoom on the third Wednesday of each month from 6-7 PM to learn about
 opportunities to advocate for affordable housing projects in upper Northwest, get
 briefings from housing experts about the details of housing advocacy, and hear
 from those in DC who can help us advance WIN's housing agenda. Contact Jamie
 Butler at jgb3611@gmail.com.
- Identify opportunities to take action by signing up to receive a digest of
 affordable housing news. The WIN/St. Columba's Affordable Housing News
 Summary comes out once or twice a week and includes brief summaries of news
 and opinion items ranging from the hyper-local to D.C. metro and national
 coverage. To sign up, go to https://scahns.substack.com.

