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Kendra Parzen	N/A	Ryan Field, 1501 Central Street		Written comment	<p>If you are providing a written comment, please leave here:</p> <p>It has come to our attention that the Land Use Commission will consider the demolition of the current Ryan Field at 1501 Central Street and construction of a new stadium. We wish to ensure that the Commission is aware that the current Ryan Field has been determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Constructed in 1926, the stadium was designed by noted architect James Gamble Rogers, who is best known for his designs for college campuses. Among his other designs for Northwestern University are the Deering Library and Scott Hall.</p>	
		A. Public Hearing: Special Use for a Planned Development 1501 Central Street 23PLND-0035 AND Public Hearing: Zoning Text			<p>To: Evanston Land Use Commission and Evanston City Council & Mayor re: Ryan Field project</p> <p>The short-sighted, toxic, and spiteful attempts of some to undermine the Ryan Field project, which as now amended and proposed, will benefit ALL of Evanston, the entire North Shore of Chicago, and indeed, the entire metropolitan Chicago area, now and far into the future, has been nothing less than shameful. For example, the recent attempt to deny funding to Chicago's North Shore Convention and Visitors Bureau and punish Gina Speckman for exercising her First Amendment right to free speech in remarks she made in support of this project, is absolutely 'beyond the pale' and indicative of how disgusting and how low some opponents of this project are willing to go, and compels me to submit this public comment in support of this project, in lieu of appearing in person before the Land Use Commission and City Council (due to personal health issues, stroke and heart attack).</p> <p>The record in this case is replete with how careful and thoughtful Northwestern University has been in planning, and amending, this proposal, in order to benefit all Evanston residents and satisfy objections by some residents, some of whom will NEVER be satisfied. The proposal meets all requirements imposed by City Code and state law. I will not repeat, item for item, what is already in the record, and has been stated by others in favor of this project. I will only make three salient points:</p> <p>1) the extortionate demand by some opponents of this project that Northwestern University must use its privately-funded endowment to fund the City of Evanston's budget, is UNLAWFUL, and contrary to fiduciary and other legal requirements, including those imposed by federal and state laws, including, but not limited to, the tax-exemptions granted by both federal and state (Illinois) authorities, to not only Northwestern, but other public and private colleges and universities. See https://www.aau.edu/key-issues/tax-exempt-status-universities-and-colleges.</p> <p>2) Northwestern University is an excellent neighbor. I live in a condo in downtown Evanston and Northwestern is, literally, my 'next door' neighbor (my condo building and Northwestern's office tower at 1800 Sherman Ave., actually share a surface parking lot and parking garage). A couple of years ago, one of their outdoor lights (visible from my bedroom) malfunctioned and started flashing off and on throughout the night. I personally contacted Northwestern and the problem was corrected. Northwestern does the best job of clearing their sidewalks and parking lot when it snows, much better than the City of Evanston does clearing downtown streets and crosswalks and the sidewalks around and through the City's Oldberg Park downtown! Northwestern even holds an annual community meeting in advance of its annual 'Dillo Day' event to inform residents and answer questions. When major property maintenance is scheduled on their property that may impact the residents of my condo building, they always notify or consult with the property manager of my condo building. Northwestern University is an excellent neighbor!</p> <p>3) There is no question that Northwestern University, directly and indirectly, is the largest driver of Evanston's economy, larger than any other public or private entity by far. See https://www.northwestern.edu/newscenter/stories/2006/05/economy.html</p> <p>This project, which will improve an existing facility used for football and other events, will help invigorate the Evanston economy, and bring additional tax revenues to the City of Evanston.</p>	

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		Zoning text Amendment U2 University Athletic Facilities District 23PLND-0010			If you are providing a written comment, please leave here:	
John Poole	800 Elgin Road #709, Evanston		In favor	Written comment	Accordingly, I urge the Evanston Land Use Commission, and Evanston City Council, to do what is right and proper in this case, including what is best for the City of Evanston. Please APPROVE this project. Thank you, John Poole, downtown Evanston resident (First Ward)	
Liz Stone	1722 Livingston		Opposed	Written comment	No commercial zoning for a non profit educational institution, that pays zero in property taxes, but wants to profit from summer concerts for up to 30,000 attendees in a residential neighborhood that lacks the infrastructure to handle such events.	
James Froberg	1531 Lincom Street, Evanston	Planned Development 1501 Central Street 23PLND-0035	Opposed	In person		Self
Stacey Foisy	419 Ashland Ave.	419 Ashland Ave.	Opposed	Written comment		
Sandra and Craig Fochler	2646 Orrington Ave		Opposed	Written comment	We hear the football games but that is for a short period of months. The idea of concerts is out of the question. For what we pay in property taxes we should not have to deal with the additional noise and traffic . This will lower the value of our home and totally disturb the surrounding community for at least a mile in every direction from the stadium.	
Susan Dauber	2004 Isabella, Evanston	Ryan Field redevelopment	In favor	Written comment	Evanston needs tax revenues. A redeveloped Ryan Field will generate both economic activity and tax revenues. I live 3 blocks from the stadium and have been impressed by NU's commitment to making football games as easy for the neighborhood as possible, and I am looking forward to the opportunities that a new multi-use stadium will provide. This will be good for all of Evanston. People are always complaining about NU not “funding” the community. This is an obvious win for generating such funding.	
Elizabeth Van Nice	2531 Ashland Ave (3 hours away)	LUC for Ryan Field rebuild	In favor	Written comment	hi, I bought this house and moved in last fall FOR • all the Big 10 athletic events happening across the street, definitely football, volleyball and basketball too • the commercial areas and non-single family housing all around me, • the public transportation- I also bought a bike (and I have a garage) • people walking by my house that I don't know, they may be visiting and enjoying Evanston, who knows, hope they are having fun! A beautiful brand-new stadium, that is used more than only 7 times a year- sounds like so much fun!!! and exactly more of the reason I bought my house!! Go Cats and go Evanston, all of Evanston. (have you seen the Evanston park on Livingston just west of the stadium?? wow that park is gorgeous-how can those residents be so selfish as to have their perfect oasis AND not want events at Ryan field)	
Kevin Brown	823 Reba Place Apt 1	Northwestern University Stadium	Opposed	Written comment	I am in opposition to the development of a new Northwestern University football stadium and concert venue. I believe it is morally reprehensible to develop such a project in the face of a growing population of unsheltered people in Evanston and a declining Black population due to the shortage in affordable housing. We need to put people over the university's profit. Do the right thing.	
Charlie Stone	1722 Livingston	NU ryan field	Opposed	Written comment	Opposed	
Erin Ogunsanya	1715 Crain st, Evanston, IL	NU's tax avoidance and mega concerts	Opposed	Written comment	I am opposed to NU's tax avoidance. Their addition of mega concerts and complete pocketing crazy profits while avoiding paying their fair share of taxes. It's not equitable or what we've moved and stayed in Evanston for.	
Karl Vogel	1018 Michigan	New Football Stadium	Opposed	Written comment		

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Louella Levey	726 Greenleaf Ave., Wilr	Ryan Stadium	Opposed	Written comment	I strongly oppose NU's expansion of its educational mission by turning Ryan Field into a mega concert arena. We already accommodate parking for NU football games in front of our home and listen to afternoons of cheering fans and marching bands. Enough!	
gary auerbach	412 GREENWOOD ST	ryan rebuild	Opposed	Written comment	I am opposed to the zoning amenments and PUD that will give Northwestern virtually unlimited license to hold commercial events at its Ryan facilites. In particular, the proposed zoning amendment adds an ominous sentence which states "Any uses not outlined herein shall require approval of the City's Specical Events Committee." This language has no conidtions that would guide the Committee and will lead to disputes between the city and the University. The purpose of the amendment is to clarifiy rather that obfuscated. This langauge suggests taht Nortwwestern will not be bound by the uses specified but will use this language to add evsnts that should not be permitted. Other portions of the proposed langauge are vague and subject to interpretaton and the justifications offered for these changes are less than convincing.	
Jenny Thompson		Special Use for a Planned Development 1501Central Street 23PLND-0035	Opposed	Written comment	I urge the commission members to vote against the proposed stadium. Evanston is not the place for this. The disruption, traffic, noise, and oversized impact on a residential and small business community is incalculable. Please vote to protect the vast majority of people who live and work in Evanston. We are powerless when so much is at stake and our voices are not heard; we are silenced when we are not represented. Thank you.	
Caroline Latta	1327 Lincoln St	Comment on proposed new stadium	Opposed	Written comment	The highest point in the existing stadium is around 48' and that exists for only a small distance. The proposed stadium is for 116'. Wrigley Field is only 9' taller at 125'. The signs showing the proposed stadium are totally deceptive and make it look like the new structure will nestle cozily into the landscape when, in reality, the structure would loom over the neighborhood, dwarfing all else and blotting out the sky. It would be a giant raised fist exemplifying NW's willful disregard of everything in our neighborhood community, all for the sake of a vanity project!!!	
Mark Wright	641 Judson Avenue	Nu stadium Expansion	Opposed	Written comment	The stadium.occupies prime land near the EI and hospital for low-income and homeless housing. Nu should build a new stadium elsewhere, perhaps on the campus landfill, where the team's practice field is located.	

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					<p>I am VERY OPPOSED to Northwestern University's request for a zoning variance for its proposed new football stadium.</p> <p>1). I have no quarrel with a new stadium</p> <p>2) I do have a quarrel with NU's proposing use of it as a concert venue.</p> <p>A) Any concert will make SOUND POLLUTION.</p> <p>1. We, at five blocks away, hear the football announcers and the cheering wins. A rock concert will make games sound like soft angel music.</p> <p>2. If these concerts are held at night, they will undoubtedly affect the resident population's sleep, either during or after the event.</p> <p>B. I oppose the selling of LIQUOR at or in the venue.</p> <p>1. Concerts will bring all kinds of people of many ages. If these concerts are rock concerts the audience will skew largely toward the young.</p> <p>2. It is, unfortunately, part of youth culture to over-drink and act foolish.</p> <p>3. I am not a teetotaler, but I have seen plenty of drunk young people, including my own son, and young crowds are noisy and rowdy.</p> <p>C. Who will control the CROWD CONTROL and particularly, after AFTER concerts?</p> <p>1. In the stadium I presume there will be persons controlling activity.</p> <p>2. Outside, in the neighborhood, after the concerts, who will heavily patrol these liquor-filled young adults? I have a \$20,000 garden purposefully grown to help make a beautiful neighborhood. The neighbors love it. Will I have to put up fences?</p> <p>3. Who will pick up the trash on the streets, sidewalks, curbs, private property? I am elderly, can't walk well, and can't handle heat. I cannot do this. A commercial nursery plants my plants.</p> <p>D. PROPERLY VALUES are a concern.</p> <p>1. Groups roaming through the neighborhood with no purpose except to wait for the next train or for an hour for a bus to take them to their cars, can be troublesome.</p> <p>2. Not only can there be damage to gardens and lawns, but to garbage cans, garages (theft?) and other mischief.</p> <p>3. We moved to Evanston for its schools and community love of nature. We don't want a slide to begin that will take us to Wrigleyville.</p>	
Jean Hirsch	1610 Lincoln Street	Northwestern zoning request	Opposed	Written comment		
Lia Sullivan	128 6th St	Mega concert zoning at Ryan Field	Opposed	Written comment	I live 2 blocks from Ryan Field. I work second shift in the healthcare industry and it would be difficult to get home through the drunk/drugged masses at that time of night with the concerts getting out.	
Carole Kagan	212 4th St	Ryan Field	Opposed	Written comment	An action that so divides the community can never be a community benefit. Northwestern intentionally divides ward against ward and Evanston against Wilmette. A community benefit benefits the entire community.	
Theresa Pollack	902 Greenwood Street, E	Ryan Field	Opposed	Written comment	No to Ryan Field	
Patricia Jones	1921 Harrison St, #1K	Ryan Field rebuild/expand /concerts/zoning changes	Opposed	Written comment		

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					If you are providing a written comment, please leave here: I oppose Northwestern University's request for a zoning change for Ryan Stadium. While my family and I personally enjoy football and attending NU games, when we bought our house it was under the assumption that football games would take place a *handful* of times every Fall. We bought our home in Evanston in 2016 after I lived a few blocks away from Wrigley Field for approximately ten years. We definitely thought about the negative implications of living near a stadium again, and we bought our current home anyway because, although it would be a hassle on game days, we could deal with it because there are such a small number of home games every year (and we happen to really enjoy collegiate football). Unfortunately, game days create a traffic headache, and we generally try to avoid coming and going on weekends during game times. This isn't a big deal when it's infrequent, but I'm concerned that this zoning change will lead to more traffic congestion than I can reasonably re-arrange my personal schedule around to not leave the house during (or avoid coming home). The attendees can be disrespectful as well, which is an irritation I'd prefer not to deal with more frequently. For example, we attended a NU football game this Fall, and happened to walk behind a group of attendees all the way back to our house. One of them actually threw off her rain poncho into our next door neighbor's front yard, and would have left it there as litter had I not said something. I was dismayed about what I saw, but it wasn't that surprising considering the disrespectful behavior that I observed when living in Wrigleyville. I have other examples of the trash cans for my residence being filled from tailgaters such that it was too full for us to use for our household until after the garbage was collected and other rude behavior from game attendees who park both in the Metra spots near our house as well as park on the very street on which our home is located. Adding alcohol served in the stadium to the mix is only going to make it that much worse. Finally, as an Evanston tax payer I find it fundamentally unfair that the for-profit zoning change is being requested by a university that benefits from special tax exemptions. I see no reason why Northwestern University cannot and should not build their new stadium within the existing zoning requirements. Thank you for your time and consideration in reading my opposition to Northwestern University's zoning change request.	
Michelle Martin-Krohn	1718 Harrison St., Evanston	1501 Central St. 23PLND-0035; planned development by Northwestern University	Opposed	Written comment		
Candace Davis	2744 Eastwood Ave Evanston	NU Stadium	Opposed	Written comment	The zoning changes necessary for NU to rebuild the stadium should not be approved without further study of the ground water impact, traffic and community impact. A community services agreement should be required at a minimum.	
John Foley	2518 Orrington Ave, Evanston	NU's Land use application for Ryan Field	Opposed	Written comment	My wife and I oppose NU's application for changes in the land use including and surrounding Ryan Field. We oppose this for environmental reasons--there is an existing structure in place that is a more than adequate venue for football games. Tearing down and building a new stadium is a perfect example of how we needlessly increase our carbon footprint. Additionally, we oppose this venue change for public safety reasons--these events make access to Evanston Northshore Hospital difficult and potentially life threatening. Finally, we oppose these changes on the basis that the neighbors purchased their residences with the knowledge that there would be up to 6 football games a year--not continuous use and disruption.	
Robert Hopper	530 Michigan Ave.	1501 Central 23PLND-0035	Opposed	In person		Self
David Cook	2683 PRAIRIE AVE	Ryan Field Zoning Change	Opposed	In person		Self

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Frank Zoltan	2526 Hurd Ave	2526 Hurd Ave	Opposed	Written comment	<p>Hello-</p> <p>In truth I am in favor of the “concept”. However, we have not addressed or planned for what is needed to make this a success for Evanston residents. Central street, and specifically the underpass at Green Bay is simply not capable of handling this much traffic. If you look at similar venues (Stadiums, Ravinia, etc), no one is this land locked, short on parking, and has to go through a traffic flow that does not capable of just simple bring traffic to a halt.</p>	
Kristine Lofquist	2666 Gross Point Rd Ev	1501 Central Street	Opposed	Written comment	I am opposed to the zoning text amendment requested by Northwestern University to modify the list of permitted uses in the YouTube university district. I'm concerned that our city does not have the infrastructure and capability to handle large capacity, concerts and events. I am not opposed to the new stadium being built. I am opposed to the zoning text amendment. I live on a busy street with lots of children. I'm concerned about traffic coming to these concerts. The games themselves are fine. It's the for-profit concerts that are of concern.	
Phillip G. Adams	206 Fifth Street, Wilmett	206 Fifth Street, Wilmette, IL 60091	Opposed	Written comment	Dear Members: We live within 1,000' of the stadium. Our quiet, family block alone includes eleven small children. We will be negatively impacted in every imaginable way by approving a zoning change permitting alcohol sales and concerts. Noise, Concert Setup and Leave Traffic, Neighborhood Congestion, Intoxicated Attendees. We are completely opposed to this zoning change and respectfully urge you to deny the request. Thank you!	
John Brzezinski	3230 Harrison St.	Northwestern stadium	Opposed	Written comment	<p>There are so many reasons to deny Northwestern's proposals, but none come to mind to approve. Meanwhile, taking money from Northwestern is nothing more than a bribe in broad daylight. Following are reasons why Northwestern's requests should be denied:</p> <p>1.) Northwestern is a non-profit institution and should not be venturing into a profit-making, alcohol-selling venture.</p> <p>2.) The new stadium and concerts would be an unacceptable and outrageous impact on the surrounding residential neighborhood.</p> <p>3.) The change to the zoning ordinance that NU has requested will serve as a precedent for other developers and business owners.</p> <p>4.) The Village of Wilmette, understandably and unanimously, opposes the new stadium. Evanston should remain a good neighbor.</p> <p>5.) Northwestern's own website cites the "Disturbing the Peace - City of Evanston (Ordinance 9-5-6) - No person shall disturb or destroy the peace of the neighborhood through boisterous behavior or behavior that is dangerous to health in which the building or premises is situated." Is it proposed that this ordinance be discarded?</p> <p>6.) City Ordinance "9-5-20 - NOISES PROHIBITED. - It shall be unlawful for any person within the City to make, continue, or permit any loud, unnecessary or unusual noise which annoys a reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, health, peace or safety of others within the limits of the City. Noise in violation of this Section is a public nuisance." Does the City Council intend to also discard this ordinance? Hopefully not.</p> <p>7.) The impact of tearing up the street in the neighborhood to install otherwise unnecessary storm water piping would be an unacceptable hardship, disruption, and yet more noise on the immediate residential neighborhood.</p> <p>8.) Northwestern should be a leader and an example with regard to minimizing their climate footprint. This project will impose a massive amount of direct and indirect CO2 emissions.</p> <p>Northwestern provides many benefits to Evanston and, conversely, the City provides services and different benefits to Northwestern. Neither should make unreasonable demands on the other. The request to proceed with this stadium is an incredibly unreasonable overreach. Please do not allow this.</p>	

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Sara Roemer-Fieberg	909 Forest Ave	Ryan Field Land Use - tear down present structure and build a new venue	Opposed	Written comment	Northeast Evanston is not an appropriate location for any large concerts. You've heard the reasons many times, traffic, noise, drinking and drug use, delayed access to Evanston Hospital, increased use of city services such as police. The current stadium is both beautiful and historic. The new one would be entirely out of place. Please vote to keep the current stadium. Northwestern is supposed to be an educational institution, not a money making enterprise. Thank you.	
Carol Kelly	1316 Jenks Street	Land Use Commission Hearing	Opposed	Written comment	My family has lived in our house for 70 years. We are familiar with game day excitement. With the inclusion of lights, night games and tailgating activity came an increased level of disorderly conduct in the neighborhood. Northwestern has been responsive to these issues by increasing facilities and signage but with additional large concert crowds I am concerned for neighborhood noise and safety. I am opposed to rezoning to accommodate commercial events and request no change in zoning. I am not convinced that concerts will be the economic engine for Evanston that is being touted. The infrastructure is not designed to handle the increased traffic and it is irresponsible to consider putting such a venue in this neighborhood. Therefore, I am hoping that the stadium rebuild plan will be scaled back to accommodate the 5-6 home football games because I am concerned that if the rebuild goes ahead as planned, we will be revisiting this issue in a few years when Northwestern again asks for commercial rezoning. I hope that the City and Northwestern will carefully consider the significant impact on the environment and overall quality of life that any reconstruction will have on our neighborhood and surrounding communities. Respectfully, Carol Kelly	
Jenny Smith	1847 Asbury Avenue Eva	NU Proposed Mega-Entertainment Complex	Opposed	Written comment	I strongly oppose NUs proposed land use arguments. It is bad for the community, the environment and residents.	
Timothy Guimond	2750 Broadway Ave, Eva	Northwestern Zoning Change Proposal	Opposed	In person		Self
Michael Leonardson	214 5th Street, Wilmette	NU's Mega-Entertainment Complex	Opposed	Written comment	I am opposed to NU using its facilities as a commercial entertainment complex with open-air concerts and serving alcohol.	
Mark	Karlin	New Ryan Field Proposal	Opposed	In person		Self
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Mark Karlin	442 Elmwood	New Ryan Field Proposal	Opposed	In person		Self
David Keown	2647 Eastwood Ave, Eva	Stadium zoning change proposal	Opposed	In person		Self
Kathryn Skelton	118 Florence Ave	NU stadium concerts	Opposed	Written comment		
Sarah Weidaw	2720 Woodbine Ave	1501 Central Street	Opposed	Written comment	Opposed to any zoning changes related to the rebuild if the NU football stadium.	
Sonja Nordahl	1507 Colfax Street	Ryan Field Re zoning	In favor	In person		Self

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Melissa Raman Molitor	2227 Payne St.	2227 Payne St.	In favor	Written comment	<p>Ryan Field Community Benefits Should Include an Annual Arts Festival</p> <p>As Chair of the Evanston Arts Council, I am writing to communicate the background to one point in the proposal for community benefits from Northwestern; the \$250,000 per year proposed for "a signature event that will benefit our entire community." In January the Evanston Arts Council made a proposal to the mayor, that if the development on Ryan Field should go ahead, then part of any community benefits package negotiated should be \$250,000 per year for an Annual Arts Festival, held across two weeks each summer.</p> <p>Evanston has a thriving arts scene but has not held a major arts festival since 2017. Before that, the Ethnic and the Lakeshore Arts Festivals, and later the World Arts Festival, were successful and drew large crowds. We propose that Northwestern fund a new major Annual Arts Festival that brings together all cultures and art forms across Evanston. This would deepen the bonds of community between the university and the city, be a catalyst for artistic and economic development, and be a lasting jewel in our city's crown.</p> <p>The purpose of the festival will be to build community. Nothing can build community better than the arts, which intrinsically resonate at a fundamental, human level we all share. The rich diversity of different forms of cultural expression only serve to celebrate our universal appreciation of form, color, rhythm, and sound.</p> <p>There are several culturally specific grassroots Evanston festivals (AAPI, Haitian, Caribbean, the Plein Aire painting festival and more) that might be incorporated to form the germ of one large, inclusive event, involving all of our community and arts organizations, and also attracting outstanding visiting performers. The resulting Annual Arts Festival would bring together people from every corner of our city and the surrounding area.</p> <p>The primary festival location would be on the lakefront, with associated events in each of the nine wards, including opening and other events in and around the stadium campus. There are many benefits to having the festival at the lakefront, but one major goal is to participate in addressing the harm caused by redlining which continues to have lasting impacts on our Black and Brown communities.</p> <p>It is not appropriate for the Arts Council to take a view on whether the proposed development and zoning provisions should go ahead. But if they do, we believe that an Annual Arts Festival would be a wonderful outcome that would truly benefit our entire community.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention and consideration.</p>	
Justin Smith	1225 Central St. , Unit B	1225 Central St. , Unit B	Opposed	Written comment	<p>My wife and I enjoy the peace of our neighborhood. We also appreciate that the school has an athletic program and the stadium reconstruction will be a great improvement to the space, but rezoning of this land will change the dynamic of our beautiful community and we strongly oppose any change. Thank you.</p>	

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Dr. Malika Viltz-Emerson	2806 Sheridan Rd	In favor of new stadium not in favor of concerts	Opposed	Written comment	I've submitted a full letter, but for this form. I'm in favor of a new stadium, but not in favor of concerts. There's no guarantee that it will bring jobs for Evanston residents only! There's no reason accept greed to have a non profit university get into the concert for profit business, focus on education, etc. Noise and traffic is a big concern especially with having two small children. I'm both an NU and ETHS graduate, and I believe both the city and university can do a better job at collaborating - focus on re building downtown! But 8-12 concerts a year (and other events) is ludicrous! And what's to say it would only stop at concerts, there could be other events which will further impede on our neighborhood. I'm at the center of it all with my home and there's already enough we deal with on game day! Where's the financial outlook that provides details on how the funds - profits will be spent. Please stop spinning this as helping the community. If NU wants to help they can hire more locally for jobs at the school, they can give grants to bring business to downtown, they can make more contributions that will contribute to lowering property tax. Unfortunately I have any ETHS Board meeting that conflicts with the Public Hearing otherwise would be there in person.	
Eunsoon Kim	1933 Harrison St, 2B	1933 Harrison St, 2B	Opposed	Written comment	I'm opposed to NU mega-entertainment complex. There's not enough parking. To build a concert venue, they're proposing to dig into the ground, have generators moving ground water into the canal. In July, Evanston had so much rain, the rain water was too much for the canal and so it was dumped into the lake. Evanston and Wilmette beaches had to be closed due to e.coli. If NU is dumping water 24/7 into the canal, how often will beaches need to be closed if the ground water is always flowing to canal, in addition to heavy rains we can have? I don't think we should be subjected to hearing concerts and have no parking in our neighborhood so that NU can make money. I want to live in quiet and peaceful neighborhoods as I've lived for the last 20 years. Please don't ruin my life. Thank you!	
Deborah	Morrin	Land use hearing Ryan Field	Opposed	Written comment	Northwesterns request for a zoning change for Ryan Field should be denied. Everything they want to do with Ryan Field they can already do, EXCEPT create a commercial district and for profit concerts. A rock concert venue with 35,000 (or even 20,000) seating capacity is exactly what zoning is meant to prevent, and this is a dense residential neighborhood on three sides. Further, Northwestern has not addressed the issue of 35,000 people and set up and tear down trucks, crew buses, traffic issues, noise and pollution coming into that location. Finally Northwestern is a non-profit and should be stripped of that status if they embark on this clearly for-profit venture that will create great harm to everyone in the community including local businesses, will not create meaningful employment opportunities, and is not in alignment with NU's primary charter to act as an educational institution. All this sacrifice for a few football players, a beleaguered athletic department and the ego of wealthy donors. NO. Please vote against granting any zoning change. Northwestern will not abide by ANY promises they make as they have not done so in the past. Please VOTE NO>	
Craig Christianson	634 Sheridan Rd	New Ryan Field	In favor	Written comment	I'm in favor of building the new Ryan Field. It's a privately funded amenity that will benefit our community. Thank you	
Maria Urban	520 GREGORY AVE	1501 Central Street	Opposed	Written comment	As a neighbor of Northwestern residing in Wilmette I am writing to oppose the hosting of any concerts in the proposed stadium. My husband and I have lived at 520 Gregory Avenue for 33 years and moved in knowing that we would be dealing with Northwestern's home football games. However the current request far exceeds the number of events, crowd size, traffic and noise anticipated and/or experienced by us. The fact that Northwestern intends to orient its stage toward the north means that Wilmette residents will be disproportionately impacted by concert sounds. Furthermore, since Northwestern has only 1500 on-site parking spaces, the area around the stadium will be overrun with traffic. It's unconscionable to approve the University's proposal given the impacts on adjoining neighborhoods. Please deny this request.	

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Judith Roeder		Northwestern New Ryan Field	Opposed	Written comment	Many people who live in Evanston have lived here for decades and chosen to raise families here because of the small town feel with proximity to the city- without as much noise, traffic and crowds. Northwestern's plans for a mega-stadium will impact the environment of Evanston as a whole. It will be noisier, there will be more traffic, more strain on the police and fire departments, harder to find parking- especially for people who live close by. It may bring in some money for the city but the vendors inside the stadium will be patronized far more than the surrounding businesses. All while Northwestern continues to pay nothing in taxes despite the amount of property they've accumulated. It will worsen the already strained relationship between the city and the university. This is a decision that will affect all Evanstonians.	
Katherine Kopp	2400 Brown Ave	Ryan Field	In favor	Written comment	Support the rebuild as it meets the conditions necessary and on top of that will be a big benefit to the community in terms of: use, enjoyment, jobs, and tax revenue	
Mike Cavanaughb	3116 Central st	Ryan Field	In favor	Written comment		
Bart van Oort	2202 Hartzell Street	New Ryan Field	In favor	Written comment	I'm in favor of the new Ryan Field.	
Chad Nicholson	2730 Payne Street, Evanston	Ryan Field	In favor	Written comment	As residents of north Evanston, we support the opportunities and benefits provided by the proposed Ryan Field redevelopment.	
Sean Sloan	2506 Isabella Street, Evanston	Ryan Field	In favor	Written comment	Enhance local business on Central Street and downtown Evanston. Share in profit to support Evanston community (this should be a WIN for Evanston and thought out carefully). Use the facility for community activities (local HS football games, community concerts like out of space, art fairs, kids movie nights). Traffic congestion on game day is not at all burdensome currently even with sold out games. Compromise on the number of full capacity events and allow some, but don't restrict all. Allow more partial capacity events. This can be local bands/ artists, food fests, etc. Not every concert is a "bad" event. Consider agreeing to no back to back weekend full capacity concerts. The stadium will bring a community vibe unlike any other in the state. It is currently underutilized and would be sad if this opportunity is squashed out of fear. Maybe provide conditional approval with review periodically. Certainly, if a few families won't like a thriving new stadium and community vibe, others would be happy to take their place. This is easily the greatest community in the Chicago metro region. Note that this review doesn't even take into account how a successful and fun Northwestern Football team has enhanced the town over the last decades. Let's go!	
Laura Rumohr	2520 Harrison St.	Ryan Field	In favor	Written comment	We are in support of the new Ryan Field. We believe this will enhance the community in many ways and will provide a great amenity for Evanston and the rest of the Chicago area.	
Mike Harrington	2749 Marcy Ave	2749 Marcy Ave	In favor	Written comment	Support. Would provide valuable economic gains for our community.	
John Hayes	2203 Payne	Ryan Field	In favor	Written comment	Support the build of new Ryan Field and hosting concerts	
Craig Likhite	2329 Prospect Ave		In favor	Written comment	I'm all for a new Ryan Field, and hosting concerts. The vitality, revenue and culture this will add to Evanston is a positive IMO.	
Marianne Hopman	311 Driftwood Lane, Wilmette	Zoning Text Amendment U2 University Athletic Facilities District 23PLND-0010	Opposed	In person		Self
Katie Gillies	2215 Wesley Ave	2215 Wesley Ave	In favor	Written comment	The Ryan Field rebuild will support essential economic development for our community, something that we need to keep in mind as we face a growing deficit in the near future. NU has brought a great deal of stability to our community over the years by broadening spending spaces and sources, despite local realities. The stadium will allow NU to continue to remain competitive globally, which is essential to our community.	

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Nicholas Robertson	2723 Thayer Street	New Ryan Field	In favor	Written comment	I'm supportive of the plans for the new Ryan Field	
Brandon Organ	2735 Simpson St Evans	Ryan Field	In favor	Written comment	In Favor	
Shea Egan	2149 Grey Avenue	Ryan Field	Undecided	Written comment	I am generally for the new stadium and a reasonable number of concerts. However, I would like to see Evanston benefit more directly from such an undertaking. I feel there should be a revenue share from the concerts and parking fees that directly adds funding to district 65 and 202. I also would want to be sure surrounding residents have any parking changes covered financially by the university in addition to extra police presence for concerts covered by the university. If something like the above was put in place I would feel very comfortable with full support of the new setup at Ryan Field.	
Jackie Zorger	2010 Lincoln st	Ryan Field	In favor	Written comment		
Edward Schultz	2404 Brown Ave	Ryan Field	In favor	Written comment	I live less than a mile from Ryan Field and strongly support the renovation project. It would provide a needed economic boost to the neighborhood, while beautifying a high-profile location. Imagine if the current structure is allowed to decay -- and become an eyesore -- no one wants that. While opponents have raised valid concerns, Northwestern has responded with reasonable accommodations.	
Amy Parker	920 Madison St.	1501 Central St.	Opposed	Written comment	I do not think the City of Evanston should change its zoning ordinance to allow for public facing concerts at Ryan Field. Zoning ordinance changes should not negatively impact surrounding neighborhoods and should not be undertaken lightly. Allowing concerts at Ryan Field would bring substantial and burdensome changes to the character of that area. Access to Evanston Hospital and to the nearby EFD fire station would be negatively impacted. In my view, there will never be enough of an upside to allow this change. I am also VERY concerned that the Stadium re-build will require groundwater diversion. I have yet to see any assurance that this can be done without unintended consequences. Thank you for your consideration.	
Mary Young	2727 Thayer St.	Rebuilding Ryan Field	In favor	Written comment	Our family is very excited about the new Ryan field especially to draw more events to the area in the ways of arts and music! We are thankful that this will help build and draw people to the many Evanston businesses! We want our city to get the recognition it deserves for being the most vibrant city that we are!	
Ryan Mitchell	2308 Brown Avenue	Ryan Field	In favor	Written comment	My family lives approximately a half-mile from Ryan Field and we support the new stadium initiative 100%.	

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					<p>To: Land Use Commissioners; Evanston Roundtable; Eleanor Revelle</p> <p>September 6, 2023</p> <p>Dear Land Use Commissioners, Evanston Roundtable, Alderman Revelle, and President Schill:</p> <p>We strongly opposed Northwestern University’s request for a Special Use for a Planned Development 1501 Central Street 23PLND-0035 and for a radical Zoning Change styled as a Zoning “Text Amendment” U2 University Athletic Facilities District 23PLND-0010.</p> <p>We trust that the LUC will fulfill its mandate to test the proposal against established City standards and uphold city and state laws to protect Evanston’s citizens from the many destructive effects Northwestern’s proposed development of its 29+-acre site would wreak upon the long established neighborhood that surrounds it.</p> <p>I. DO NORTHWESTERN’S PROPOSALS MEET EVANSTON’S CLEAR STANDARDS FOR LAND USE COMMISSION APPROVAL?</p> <p>The wealth of commentary in the 700+ pages submitted to the LUC by neighbors and expert analysts make abundantly clear that the proposal fails LUC’s standards on virtually every count. To be approved by the LUC the proposal must demonstrate that it:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Is one of the listed special uses for the zoning district in which the property lies: The standard is NOT met by the special uses of the site’s T1 and U2 zoning.2. Complies with the purposes and the policies of the Comprehensive General Plan and the Zoning ordinance: The standard is NOT met; if it were, no Zoning Change, styled a “Text Change,” would be necessary.3. Does not cause a negative cumulative effect in combination with existing special uses or as a category of land use: The standard is NOT met. Tremendous insoluble problems are anticipated by both NU’s outsourced “experts” and by the myriad technical analyses submitted to the LUC.4. Does not interfere with or diminish the value of property in the neighborhood: NU cannot prove this standard to have been met; and the burden of proof must be on NU. Many comments submitted to LUC express neighborhood residents’ dismay at having invested in cherished homes, which they would not have bought had they had knowledge of NU’s planned development. As a neighborhood resident for 33+ years, we can aver that that is certainly true for us. Very much likelier than not, many neighboring families in Evanston and Wilmette will find that losing two months more a year to the added Noise Pollution, Traffic Disruption, impeded access to emergency services, public safety, and diminished quality of life that NU’s proposal would visit on the neighborhood would compel them to sell and relocate. It remains to be seen whether their homes would retain the value they have in our peaceful neighborhood as it now exists. We have accommodated ourselves to these problems on Game Days and existing approved uses; NU proposal to visit them upon residents for 1/6 of the year annually or more does not on the face of it seem to bode well for property values.	

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					<p>If you are providing a written comment, please leave here:</p> <p>5. Is adequately served by public facilities and services: This standard is NOT met. Just one example: regular and stormwater drainage for a field set 20’ below grade in a city that is built on a swamp risks insoluble overload to the existing drainage system and increased flood danger to surrounding homes. The studies by NU’s outsourced experts also suggest additional Noise Pollution caused by the vibrations of an extensive heavy-duty subgrade pumping apparatus operating 24/7 for which residents will have no remedy. 6. Does not cause undue traffic congestion: The standard is NOT met. The traffic plan and bussing algorithm presented by NU by outsourced “experts” (who do not live in the neighborhood, and whose expertise is better suited to stadium environments like that of Penn State than to NU’s. The assumptions underlying NU’s experts’ presentation at the June 27 meeting do not accord with neighbors’ on-the-ground experience of football games. NU’s analysis also fails to solve the life-and death dangers to Hospital emergency access created by the inevitable traffic jams and local streets clogged by traffic and, inevitably, illegal parking by out-of-towners (there are far too few parking spaces in NU’s plan). As 7th Ward alderman Eleanor Revelle and neighborhood experts point out, NU’s traffic analysis is not attuned to local reality. 7. Preserves significant historical and architectural resources: arguably, the standard is NOT met. The existing Stadium has a de Chirico-like sculptural quality that many passersby admire and enjoy. It need not be designated an official landmark for its aesthetics to be judged vastly preferable to NU’s proposed design, which entails an increase in height that is both aesthetically and environmentally problematic. 8. [https://www.cityofevanston.org/home/showpublisheddocument/91639/638291787812935905: LUC’s text is the same as 7 above] 9. Complies with all other applicable regulations of the district in which it is located and other applicable ordinances, except to the extent such regulations have been modified through the planned development process or the grant of a variation: The standard is NOT met. The recommendations are NOT within the Special Use Permit, and “such regulations” have NOT “been modified.” On the Standards for Major Variations (Code Section 6-3-8-12.E): 1. The requested variation will not have a substantial adverse impact on the use, enjoyment or property values of adjoining properties: The standard is NOT met. Permitting two months of disruption annually plus an unlimited number of outdoor concerts and events, with long and uncontained Noise Pollution as well as severe traffic disruption, will inevitably have a significant negative impact on the majority of neighbors in the R1 zone. So will the vast increases in Traffic Disruption, Emergency Access issues, flooding danger, and more. 2. The requested variation is in keeping with the intent of the zoning ordinance: The standard meets the highest and best use for the location: As Michael Vasilko’s Evanston Roundtable Guest Essay indicates (September 5, 2023; https://evanstonroundtable.com/2023/09/05/guest-essay-city-has-no-authority-to-approve-nus-zoning-amendment), Northwestern University’s Illinois State Charter designates it an educational institution, not a commercial business, and restricts its activities accordingly. The terms of its own Charter place an insupportable burden of proof on NU’s claim that its proposed profitable mega-concerts meets the standard of the “highest and best use for the location.” Few who don’t stand to profit from NU’s proposal would judge the Noise Pollution Traffic Disruption, Hospital Emergency Access obstruction, insoluble infrastructure problems that increase the danger of flooding and beach closures due to e. coli contamination, and more that NU’s proposed development would cause to constitute a “higher, better” use of NU’s 29+ acre property than do its longstanding uses approved in accord with Evanston Zoning regulations. 3. The alleged hardship or practical difficulty is peculiar to the property: If, under its Illinois Charter, NU is constituted as a nonprofit educational institution, not a profit-making commercial entity, NU would be hard pressed to claim that its educational mission depends on this proposed development of its 29+-acre site.</p>	

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					<p>4. The property owner would suffer a particular hardship or practical difficulty as distinguished from a mere inconvenience if the strict letter of the regulations were to be carried out: a. The purpose of the variation is not based exclusively upon a desire to extract additional income from the property, or b. While the grant of a variation will result in additional income to the applicant and while the applicant for the variation may not have demonstrated that the application is not based exclusively upon a desire to extract additional income from the property, the Land Use Commission or the City Council, depending on final jurisdiction under Section 6-3-8-2, has found that public benefits to the surrounding neighborhood and the City as a whole will be derived from approval of the variation, that include, but are not limited to, any of the standards of Section 6-3-6-3 of the Zoning Code: The standard is NOT met: NU claims they cannot renovate the Stadium without turning it into a mega-concert arena that falls outside its Zoning restrictions (a letter from NU's President Schill to the community claims the concerts are necessary to "ensuring financial viability for the project to move forward"). However, this article makes it very clear that NU could accomplish a much cheaper (and much less polluting) renovation: https://evanstonroundtable.com/2023/02/06/letter-to-the-editor-nus-extravagant-approach-compared-to-other-universities/ This article points out that "Northwestern receives around \$62.5 million per year just from sports TV deals alone" https://evanstonroundtable.com/2023/08/02/letter-to-the-editor-its-time-for-northwestern-to-reboot/ . Renovating the Stadium is clearly well within the budget of this extremely well-endowed university without income from mega-concerts. NU cannot plausibly claim "a particular hardship or practical difficulty as distinguished from a mere inconvenience if the strict letter of the regulations were to be carried out." Further, in respect to the standard's requirement that: "The alleged difficulty or hardship has not been created by any person having an interest in the property": President Schill answered faculty objections to such lavish expense by the university (instead of spending those hundreds of millions on education and research): "Northwestern would have to make a similar financial investment to restore the current, crumbling Ryan Field to an adequate level to play seven football games per year as it will to create the new Ryan Field." This implies that NU must improve the Stadium, not that they must have mega-concerts. It appears that NU is strongly motivated not by any actual hardship but by its wish to accommodate a donor willing to fund this project, and only this project, to the tune of ~\$480M. NU's nebulous claims of community benefits must be weighed against both the costly damage to its peaceful abutting neighborhood and NU's long, well documented history of disingenuous claims and unkept promises. The tail (donor money and, could it possibly be, donor vanity?) is wagging the dog (NU's chartered mission; NU's common sense accord with EV zoning regulations). 5. The requested variation requires the least deviation from the applicable regulation among the feasible options identified before the Land Use Commission issues its decision or recommendation to the City Council regarding said variation: The standard is NOT met. NU is improperly requesting a "zoning text amendment" while asking for variances that in effect change its own Zoning status while having ruinous effects on the surrounding R1 neighborhood.</p>	

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					<p>If you are providing a written comment, please leave here:</p> <p>~~~~~ HAVE NORTHWESTERN AND EVANSTON OFFICIALS EARNED OUR TRUST? ARE WE IN DANGER OF BEING BAMBOOZLED? Like many Evanston residents, we are surprised and alarmed that the City of Evanston has invested such abundant taxpayer resources—money, officials’ and residents’ time, spirit and shame for our city—in seriously entertaining Northwestern’s vague, misleading proposal to transform Ryan Field into a commercial mega-concert venue. Making necessary improvements is one thing. Seeking to violate Zoning regulations designed to maintain Evanston’s irreplaceable quality of life is quite another. Especially in light of the recent hazing scandal uncovered by the student newspaper the Northwestern Daily—and, notably, not by Northwestern’s administration, which sought to sweep it out of public view—Evanston’s citizens must be vigilant in evaluating the highly consequential actions taken in our name by NU and Evanston officials. Just a few of many red flags that residents have challenged: 1. The Evanston Roundtable reported on Evanston corporation counsel Nicholas Cummings’s having joined NU counsel to file a (denied) motion requesting the court to modify a 19-year-old consent decree established in 2004 that created the Northwestern University-City Committee, in a federal court June 29, 2023, without relevant City officials’ knowledge or approval. Has a resident’s repeated question as to who, if anyone, authorized Cummings’s action received an answer from City officials? If not, why not? 2. Residents have made repeated respectful requests for copies of NU’s commissioned sound and traffic studies, on which NU rests its (highly dubious) claims for merely “possible effects” (Kimley Horn) that NU’s proposed plan will visit on residents. As far as I know, NU’s Dave Davies has not kept his many repeated promises to provide them (see, e. g., Carl Hopman’s correspondence with Dave Davies, posted in LUC comments). What is in those reports that NU wishes us not to know? See also https://sites.google.com/view/spotlight-on-evanston/history-index/chronology/brief-history-of-conflict 3. Residents’ have repeatedly requested who-where-when-what-why details concerning Evanston officials’ meetings with NU officials behind closed doors (see, for example, Mary Anne Wexler’s correspondence with Mayor Daniel Biss and other officials, posted on this site). As far as I know, we have only been given vague admissions that such meetings have been taking place. Why are officials refusing to make public the agenda and minutes, or at least informal accounts? What informal actions, assurances, and other transactions between NU and Evanston officials might be taking place out of public view? 4. Steven J. Harper, Esq., submitted to LUC a ‘Review of WJHW Environmental Assessment’ performed by ARUP, a nationwide leader in acoustics, noise, and vibration advisory and design. ARUP identified a significant number of problems, questions, and concerns related to the WJHW study. On behalf of 225 Wilmette neighbors, Harper respectfully requested that the City of Evanston require NU to address the problems exposed in this review in order to ensure that all officials are properly and fully informed before taking a vote of this magnitude. Duncan Agnew’s detailed report of August 16th (TwitterFacebookPrintLinkedInEmail) highlights the shockingly inadequate quality of both NU’s research studies and NU’s administrators’ response to Harper’s letter. Instead of acknowledging and studying the problems and offering a serious response, NU administrators chose to stick to NU’s own flawed studies, which NU has declined to make public. At the same time, NU administrators attempt to distract attention from these carefully documented, evidence-based substantial concerns in favor of a methodologically flawed poll / popularity contest by posting a petition that solicited blind endorsement of NU’s highly problematic plan from relatively uninformed residents. In doing so, NU administrators risk embarrassing themselves by showing themselves intellectually and morally unfit to run a world-class R1 University.</p>	

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Christine Froula	2801 Girard Avenue	Northwestern University Ryan Field Proposals	Opposed	Written comment	<p>If you are providing a written comment, please leave here:</p> <p>5. Against rhetorical bamboozlement: a. NU's experts often mention vague plans to “reduce” and “mitigate”--“if possible”—the tremendous (and far from fully acknowledged) detrimental effects their proposal would impose. Setting aside the demonstrable flaws and fallacies in NU's analyses, the question arises: “reduce” and “mitigate”--compared with WHAT? NU's experts seem to assume as given the tremendous problems NU's proposed changes would visit upon Evanston and Wilmette residents, such as Noise Pollution, Traffic Disruption, Environmental Degradation, Danger to Hospital Emergency Patients, dangerous pollution of water channels and bodies requiring the closing of beaches, 24/7 ground vibration from pumping water to keep NU's 20' subsurface dry, and so on. (As most Evanstonians are aware, the city is built on a swamp, has a high water table, and experiences periodic flooding, which expected climate change will only worsen.) NU's experts appear to be thinking about (unenforceable) efforts to “reduce” and “mitigate” their own projected sense of the problems. But the truly important question is: What would be the NET CHANGES in noise, traffic, danger, disruption etc., compared with the surrounding neighborhoods' CURRENT state of peaceful coexistence with the (sometimes dangerous) disruptions caused by Ryan Field's many legitimate activities in line with its T1 and U2 Zoning? Not: how will NU attempt to lessen its deleterious effects on our community; but: why they should be allowed to visit them on us in the first place? Instead of making unenforceable promises to “reduce” and “mitigate” effects of (weakly analyzed) problems that do not yet exist, would it not be more intelligent to deny NU permission to create those problems in the first place? b. Likewise, vague claims concerning “undue adverse effect” and “undue traffic congestion” raise the questions: what, exactly, is meant by “undue”? and who, exactly, gets to decide? Many of our neighbors' comments note that our neighborhood already manages to live with “due” game day “adverse effects” and “traffic congestion.” We respectfully submit that any further adverse effects and traffic congestion, should be categorized, a priori, as creating “undue” adverse effects to our homes, families, quality of life, and health. c. Consider, also, such language as “Concert music may be amplified during the hours of 10:00 a.m. through 10:00 p.m. on Sundays through Thursdays (subject to the following), and during the hours of 10:00 a.m. through 10:15 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and days preceding national holidays and legal school holidays enumerated in 105 ILCS 5/24-2, as permitted for special events pursuant to Section 9-5-20 and any associated required permits shall be issued.” Not only does this proposed permission put the whole neighborhood at risk of becoming unlivable for many of its residents for much of the time; this language also requires the City to cede permitting its own authority to NU—notorious, as noted above, for its long history of failure to honor its agreements with the city and of violating city ordinances. We might add that NU's labeling of events as “community events” does not lessen their disruptive potential. As Evanston citizens and taxpayers who consider ourselves extremely fortunate to have lived for 36 years in our beautiful, livable city with a world-class university and good government, we are alarmed at signs of apparent lack of good faith evidenced by the many refusals to answer, inexplicable delays, absurdly lame excuses, unkept promises, and head-in-sand equivocation on the part of both NU's leadership and the City's. We hope what we are seeing does not mean that NU and Evanston officials, while paying lip service to “transparency,” may be cutting deals out of public view. But we must also continue to insist on complete transparency on the part of our public officials. They must take every measure to avoid even the appearance that the City Council and Evanston's citizens are being bamboozled and betrayed by behind-the-scenes deal-making to promote NU's self-evidently weak and untenable proposal. NU's recent attempt to hide its hazing scandal highlights the fact that Evanston residents must continue to be on guard against taking NU at its word while vigilantly insisting on accountability from our public officials. With thanks for the hard work, collective good faith, and public-spirited intelligence of our fellow Evanstonian volunteers on the LUC, we respectfully request that it stand firm against NU's proposal. Yours truly, Christine Froula and John Austin 7th Ward</p>	
Paul Gillen		Land use commision hearing		In person		Self
Bruce Enenbach	723 Emerson	A	Opposed	In person		Self

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Jim Hughes	2518 Hartzell St.	3. New Business B. Public Hearing: Zoning Text Amendment U2 University Athletic Facilities District 23PLND-0010	Opposed	Written comment	Hi, I'm unable to attend the meeting today. I'm sending a read only share link to a nine slide PowerPoint stored on my personal OneDrive. It presents my perspective. I can also email the file if that is preferable. Thank You, Jim Hughes 847-302-5133 https://1drv.ms/p/s!AtZTb6SapSY7kLhldzyc2OPWMVm-Gg?e=GAdx31	
Jimmy Carrane	2503 Ashalnd	2503 Ashland	Opposed	Written comment	I oppose the city changing the current zoning around Ryan Field because the zoning ordinance is clear; it's been put in place to protect the community from this exact situation. Changing the zoning ordinance would set up a dangerous precedent. Northwestern should be treated like everyone else.. Also, having additional events and concerts in the neighborhood is a safety hazard, not only for the hospial but also for the children who live in the neighborhood. On current football game days, shuttle buses speed down Ashland. For concerts, they want more than 100 busses to go down the street at night. Please come to an Ohio State game. You will see that the neighborhood can barely handle that amount of traffic. Cars park at golf course and on lawns as it is. We don't have the infrastructure to support 35, 000 concert goers. This will affect all main roads leading into the stadium for miles and effect police and fire responding to emergencies. The noise from the scoreboard is already loud and concerts will be even louder. Plus there are environmental issue that have not been addressed. I believe the city should be conducting its own studies about the impact of the traffic and economic viability of this project instead of relying on Northwestern to release its own reports, which they have been refusing to release for months. I believe that Northwestern has not released these studies because they are not favorable to the outcome they want.	
Tom Lesch	2649 Orrington Ave.		In favor	Written comment	While it now seems popular to attack Northwestern and hold them hostage, I do not support this course of action. The current stadium needs to be updated, the current plan calls for reduced seating, and with a semi enclosed structure it would reduce both noise and light pollution in the area. The concept of having concerts will have an additional positive impact for the city, bringing additional employment and revenue. Restaurants in both Wilmette and Evanston will benefit, while hotels and other businesses will also see a boost. I have lived within 5 blocks of the stadium for the past 16 years. The energy on game days is welcome, and while traffic can be a tad slower, it is more than manageable. While I can respect neighbors who aren't as enthusiastic about the noise and traffic on game days and now potentially concerts, I wonder where was this type of outrage when ETHS put in lights at Lazier field and now has the 5th ward lit up 7 days a week until 9pm? The lights and activity at Lazier field are enjoyed and used by the entire community, but yet it's the residents of the 5th Ward that are again bearing the brunt of being inconvenienced. For those who live around the current Northwestern stadium, this is our time to make a very minor sacrifice and support the building of a world class stadium that will be in our backyard. The benefits of building a new stadium, plus the added concerts will have a positive economic impact on the entire city and its time we did our share to support the community.	
Fiona McCarthy	1712 Livingston St.	Rezoning of U2 District	Opposed	In person		Self

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Kyle Rugg	356 Isabella St Wilmette	23PLND-0035	Opposed	Written comment	I vigorously oppose any allowances to setbacks and/or landscape strips. As a single family homeowner who's dwelling directly faces the northern border of the development site (front door faces the northern service drive), any reduction in minimum buffer zones, setbacks, and/or landscape strips will greatly impact my homeowner rights, property value, and ultimately quality of life. I strongly urge the Evanston Land Use Commission to deny ANY allowances. Thank you, Kyle Rugg 356 Isabella St Wilmette IL 60091	
Kyle Rugg	356 Isabella St Wilmette	23PLND-0010	Opposed	Written comment	NO CONCERTS! No expanded use other than what's currently zoned	
Andrea Smeeton	128 5th Street, Wilmette	Evanston Land Use Commission	Opposed	Written comment	Hello. My name is Andrea Smeeton and I live on 5th street directly one block from the stadium. My husband and I moved to our home 21 years ago. Throughout these years we enjoy the fact that we live near the stadium where my husband played football and we enjoy having his friends - ex NU players also - to our home to barbecue and go to the games. With this new proposed entertainment arena, our lives will most certainly be adversely affected for so many reasons. Most importantly, all of the nuisances of this building project will affect the small residential neighborhoods in the area of Evanston and Wilmette - not just our street, but many many blocks north, south, east, and west of us. The noise levels are at the top of the list. The images of the plans show they will aim their speakers directly north in order to appease the Evanston neighbors. Not only will it cause a great and unnecessary intrusion, but a proven health hazard, as well. Furthermore, the inevitable heavy traffic, enormous amount of large trucks before and after concerts, long hours of high decibel noise, and lack of parking will most certainly lay a heavy burden on these very quiet and small residential streets. Please, imagine you lived on our block in a home you loved. Imagine the quiet and quaint neighborhood you and your family chose to live in and put everything you had into it - suddenly someone comes along and wants to change the very nature of your neighborhood. Would you silently agree? I hope not. If Northwestern and their contributor desire to build an entertainment venue, perhaps building it on their ample lakefront property would be a better choice for all concerned.	
Carl Hopman	311 Driftwood Lane, Wilmette	Zoning Text Amendment U2 University Athletic Facilities District 23PLND-0010	Opposed	In person		Self
Jennifer Karlovitz	729 Emerson St 2W	Ill. A. & B.	Opposed	Written comment	I am writing to champion the Rights of Earth. Neither request sufficiently considers the Rights of Earth. I acknowledge that in the past the City of Evanston has not considered the Rights of Earth. Now is the time to begin to consider the Rights of Earth prior to approving projects and zoning changes.	

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