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'WINNING GOAL COALITION' COMMUNITY MEETING TONIGHT

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How can the District create a winning deal on the DC United stadium? That's the focus of tonight's meeting of the newly formed Winning Goal Coalition—a group of DC residents and organizations who support building a new DC United stadium by using our civic resources in an open, fair, and responsible way. The meeting will take place a few blocks from the proposed stadium site, at Arena Stage, 1101 6th Street SW. It is from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and speakers will include representatives of the DC Fiscal Policy Institute and the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, and a concessions worker who is a member of the Unite Here Local 23 union.

Bring your questions, thoughts, and ideas!

The Winning Goal Coalition believes DC United and Major League Soccer are important for the region. A new stadium is helpful to the team, and it should be helpful to the District's overall vision for economic development as well. At tonight's meeting, the Coalition will share some ways the District can achieve this, including:

- **Creating a deal that is clear.** The agreement between the District and DC United should be fully transparent about the public benefits, costs, and tradeoffs of the new stadium. A deal should make any disposal or purchase of properties open and clear.
- **Capping the costs and limiting the financial risk to District taxpayers.** The District's contribution should be set and legally binding. A cap on spending protects District taxpayers from the risk of rising stadium costs over time. The District should not subsidize the team's operations or profit.
- **Involving the community and responding to residents' needs and concerns.** A stadium deal should reflect the needs of the District, including good-paying jobs for residents and a commitment to addressing priorities of the surrounding community.

For more details, please see the [event flier](#). See you tonight!