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SAVE OUR GREEN OPEN SPACE

**Proposed Draft Development Plan for Mumbai 2014-34.No.
ChE/32596/DP/GEN/dtd 25.2.2015 - Objection regarding J Nehru Garden,
Jivan Bima Marg, Mumbai and request for hearing**

On reviewing the above mentioned draft DP I/we have observed that you have proposed change of Plot bearing survey No 1630 known as Jawaharlal Nehru garden from RG to CR (Commercial Residential). The equivalent reservation as per draft Development Plan 2034 Greater Mumbai would be Open Space, DOS1.4 (Playground/garden/park).

I/We are shocked, concerned and **STRONGLY OBJECT** to the change proposed in the draft Development Plan 2034. Mumbai is a city starved for open space and which has also been acknowledged in the draft DP report 2034 in several instances.

You are no doubt aware area residents have been striving to save this open space. I/We feel that this is a motivated effort to legalise the illegal occupation of the garden by MTDC, Janata Dal, BJP, Employment exchange and others and deny the citizens open green space. As per the draft Development Plan 2034 Greater Mumbai (Page 187) the per capita open space is only 1.09 sqm. The 1991 DP itself has set out a standard of per capita open space of 2.0 sqm per person (Pg 189). As per Table 18.5 on page 371 of your report it is stated that the WHO/FAO-UN **minimum urban green** for urban dwellers must be 9 sqm/pp. Our per capita open space is less than most of the world.

You are probably aware the MMRDA Mumbai Metro Line III will remove all the trees on J Tata Road thereby reducing the green cover. The Chief Minister of Maharashtra has also made numerous statements on increasing green spaces and protecting existing open spaces. In light of these facts I/we are shocked and dismayed to learn of the loss of the J N Garden and strongly object to change of

zone to Commercial Residential and request that this should NOT be done and we should be invited for a hearing. I/we am/are sure that you will take our objections on record and rectify this grave mistake.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

M. Rafaat

Meher Rafaat
Trustee

On behalf of Trustees

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