

FRANKLIN PARK DEFENDERS

Franklin Park Defenders React to SJC Decision

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While the lawsuit before the Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) has concluded, the ongoing community concerns have not.

A professional soccer stadium does not belong in Franklin Park. The recent ruling does not change that fundamental fact. Boston Legacy's plan to profit from Franklin Park will restrict public access to green space and harm the environmental justice communities surrounding the park.

The ruling does nothing to protect the interests of the communities around Franklin Park - communities already reeling from environmental and economic harm due to decades of disinvestment and systemic racism.

The Mayor of Boston and those elected officials who supported this injustice or remained silent have betrayed Boston's most vulnerable communities and in need of government protection.

A [high school-sized public stadium](#), costing Boston's taxpayers less than half of subsidizing Legacy's economic windfall, would better serve Boston's student athletes and better protect our cherished park and the congested streets leading to it. The Franklin Park Defenders will continue to fight for this smaller, less expensive, and less environmentally damaging option. We will continue to champion environmental justice, transparency, and accountability to ensure that our communities' rights are not violated by this for-profit scheme to exploit Franklin Park.

The [Franklin Park Defenders](#) is a growing group of 1,000+ individuals and 38 community organizations.