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**BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT
District of Columbia**

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RE: BZA Application 18431, Application by the Field School for a special exemption.

Dear Chairman Jordan:

I am writing to you today on behalf of DC Stoddert Soccer in reference to the above-mentioned application. DC Stoddert is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit youth sports organization that serves over 6,000 children in Washington, DC. While we are a city-wide organization, our largest single concentration of members is in ANC 3D, the ANC which houses the Applicant. We have approximately 800 youth members and 1,200 adult members who reside in ANC 3D. We believe we are the largest membership organization of any kind in ANC 3D.

I am writing in support of the resolution passed by ANC 3D at its October meeting, that

"Field School shall not be prohibited from making its fields and facilities available for use by third parties; shall convene meetings with immediate neighbors and other local residents to assess ways that the school's sports fields and facilities may be used by groups in a way that is sensitive to the surrounding neighborhood; shall commit to working to achieve, if possible, community-wide consensus and plan to facilitate greater use of its fields by outside groups; and shall report annually in writing to the ANC for the next two years on the status of its efforts to achieve such a community-wide consensus and develop an appropriate plan. The Field School shall hold no more than 10 non-sporting events of more than 100 people each year. Events are not to begin before 9 am and are to end before 8:30 pm. These conditions are for a five year trial period."

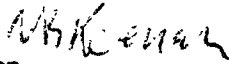
There is a severe shortage of athletic and recreational facilities in the residential neighborhood around the school, and the youth population of the neighborhood has increased dramatically in recent years. The existing public facilities are not sufficient for the needs of the community. Forcing the Field School field to

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sit vacant when the school is not using it, as is the case under the current variance, strains limited public facilities unnecessarily and is not in the public interest. DC Stoddert collected signatures from 219 residents of ANC 3D on a petition calling for the removal of the restriction, which were submitted to the ANC prior to the October meeting.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Keenan", written over the printed name.

Nick Keenan

Chairman,

DC Stoddert Soccer