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Office of the Mayor
One Judiciary Square
Suite 1100S
Washington, DC 20001

Tuesday, March 7, 2000

Dear Mayor Williams:

Re: Field School Special Exception for Cafritz Estate

I emailed you on December 7, 1999 about my desire to block a traffic-intensive school from being located in a residential neighborhood on residential land in your city and in my neighborhood. My message today is unchanged, but I now have more data to support my argument - days before the forthcoming, March 15 BZA hearing.

The Field School is not a developer and they do not have the skills to see in advance major risks. I can assure you that when they signed the land acquisition contract with the Cafritz Foundation in late 1998, they did not see the fatal flaws of:

- the need for a "15 mph sign" and a flashing light on a crest of a hill on Foxhall Road - a major artery for the metropolitan area that currently carries 17,000 vehicles per day (roughly 1700 per hour at rush hour) and growing naturally with the prosperity of this city under your administration. This traffic count is made prior to the expansion of GW/Mt. Vernon to 1500 students and expansion of St. Patricks.

- a desperation move to create on paper a shuttle bus proposal that will not work and ultimately lead to an attempt to force entrances to the campus by entering through 44th Street or buying homes on Foxboro Place or W Street--additional major impacts on our neighborhood.

- having a site that is roughly one-quarter the size (on a students per acre basis) of other private "island" schools in the Baltimore-Washington area, and accordingly *less able to isolate themselves from the impacts on neighbors.*

Mr. Mayor, schools are served by:

- four lane roads, or
- side-streets off main arteries.

BZA
Case No. 16559
Exhibit No. 136

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO.16559
EXHIBIT NO.136

Schools are not served only by a narrow, two lane urban artery with no breakdown lane.

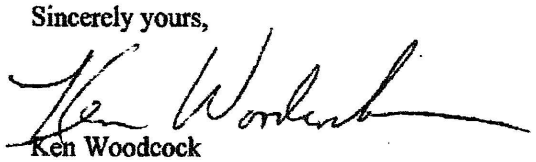
The Field School now attempts to allow their momentum to carry them along as we the neighbors elevate our opposition to this proposal. They must see how their transportation plan is unworkable, but they push on because of previous commitments and a dream of a "Foxhall Road" address. Today their high-powered machine works the political angles and gets their supporters to declare that a school is better than "40 houses."

My neighbor, Gene Ludwig, and I have offered on a non-profit basis both the Cafritz Foundation and the Field School a proposal to make the 10.5-acre estate a 3 lot-3 residence community--consistent with the neighborhood as it now exists as supported by the Comprehensive Plan. Both institutions have turned our offers down. Based on those decisions, it is either the Field School or the Cafritz Foundation that has the authority to make this tragic story end poorly or well--hopefully, a development of 3 lots NOT a track housing development.

Mr. Mayor, I believe that many others in our neighborhood have shared their views with you about NOT adding an eighth school to their immediate neighborhood--a traffic-congesting school on Foxhall. The letters against the School are daily building in the BZA file, as you will find.

You have clearly declared your desire to preserve neighborhoods in your city. Our team of lawyers, traffic consultants and land use planners will make our case clear at the BZA hearing on March 15th. You need to speak out on this anti-neighborhood issue by submitting a letter in opposition at the BZA (Case No. 16559). I am counting on you to support the quality of life in our wonderful corner of the city.

Sincerely yours,



Ken Woodcock
a party to the Field School BZA case
Neighbors Against Foxhall Gridlock

Mayor's Correspondence Action Request

Mayor's Correspondence Unit
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Subject	RE: FIELD SCHOOL SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR CAFRITZ ESTATE.
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