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Ms. Jerrily R. Kress
Director, Office of Zoning
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Re: Case No. 16559

Dear Ms Kress:

As a resident of Wesley Heights, I would like to formally dissent from the views expressed in the Spring Valley-Wesley Heights Citizens Association's letter to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) dated March 10, 2000. In that letter, which purports to represent 1,250 households in the Spring Valley-Wesley Heights community, the Association opposes the Field School's relocation to the Cafritz Estate on Foxhall Road.

The Spring Valley-Wesley Heights Citizens Association has, to my knowledge, had no specific general meeting on this subject nor has it polled or notified its members in any way of its intent to adopt this position regarding the Field School. As a dues-paying member of the organization, I was never notified of any deliberations, fact-gathering efforts or any other activities regarding this issue. Further, it is my understanding that the Spring Valley-Wesley Heights Citizens Association has had no formal meetings with the Field School itself or made any serious study of this situation.

Partly as a result of the lack of interest initially shown by the Spring Valley-Wesley Heights Citizens Association when the Field School first contemplated relocating to the Cafritz Estate, a group of neighbors and I formed a subcommittee of the Wesley Heights Historical Society. We wanted to see for ourselves that the school was serious about respecting our neighborhood streets and preserving Glover-Archbold park. As a steering committee member of the Wesley Heights Association for the Preservation of Residential Streets, I can say that I have met personally with Field School representatives numerous times. They have shown an unflagging commitment to listen to and consider the views of their future neighbors here in Wesley Heights. I truly believe they will be excellent and considerate neighbors and that, in fact, this school and its philosophy will be a wonderful addition to our beloved neighborhood.

I hope the BZA will recognize that a considerable number of residents of Wesley Heights -- including residents who have seriously studied this issue and worked for more than a year on it -- enthusiastically support the Field School.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth I. Natanson

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