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Ms. Sheila Cross Reid, Chair
c/o Ms. Jerrily R. Kress, Director
The Office of Zoning
441 4th Street NW, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Case Number 16559— Field School Exception

Dear Ms. Reid:

The Spring Valley-Wesley Heights Citizens Association represents the 1250 households in our adjoining communities of Northwest Washington. We are increasingly concerned by the transfer of educational institutions into our residential area, and by the endemic expansion of those already there. On December 4, 1999, I wrote to you of our opposition to the major enlargement of the Mount Vernon campus of George Washington University.

Now we are faced with the proposed installation and enlargement of Field School on the former Cafritz estate on Foxhall Road, NW. As explained in my enclosed letter of March 9 to the Chair of ANC-3D, we believe that this proposal presents unacceptable problems of traffic congestion and public safety on a narrow road which is already something of an anomaly: a major commuting artery within a residential district.

Unless important changes are made in this proposal, eg, the addition of new turning lanes in both directions and a thorough and objective traffic review of the feasibility of such a solution, my Association opposes an exception to permit Field School to relocate into this residential area. We urge the Board of Zoning Adjustment to reject this application, which we understand you are to review on March 15.

Sincerely yours,

William C. Harrop
President

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March 9, 2000

Ms. Eleanor Roberts Lewis, Chair
Advisory Neighborhood Commission —3D
P.O. Box 40846, Palisades Station
Washington, DC 20016

Dear Ms. Lewis:

There is deep concern in Spring Valley and Wesley Heights over the future of the Foxhall Road route into downtown Washington. Thousands of people from this neighborhood, and from surrounding suburbs of Northwest Washington and Montgomery County, rely upon Foxhall Road.

As I emphasized back on July 19, 1999 in my letter to Tanya Hamilton, which I am sure she shared with her colleagues of ANC-3D, and in my letter (copied to your Commission) of September 28, 1999 to Gary Burch, then the District's senior transportation engineer, the aggregate of the ambitious development projects along this corridor, if realized, will assure traffic gridlock. I was referring to the Mount Vernon Campus of GWU, to the expansion of St, Patrick's Episcopal Day School, to the proposed two-way access to Canal Road from Georgetown University's parking complex, and, most acutely now, to the proposed installation of the Field School on the former Cafritz Estate.

Already we are looking to three new traffic lights along this route. As currently envisioned, the traffic flow related to the proposed Field School will simply choke movement on Foxhall Road. There are also serious public safety issues. The only solution to this problem which I can imagine would be to add additional turning lanes in both directions, presumably carved from the property of the school since no other space appears available along this narrow road. Unless such a plan is adopted, and even then we would want to see thorough and professional studies to confirm feasibility, I must, on behalf of the 1250 households I represent, oppose transfer of Field School to this residential area. I am so informing Ms. Sheila Cross Reid of the Board of Zoning Adjustment, whom I earlier addressed on these issues on December 4, 1999. I urge ANC-3D to take a like position.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

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President