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Dear Chairman Griffis,

Our granddaughter is now at the National Child Research Center(NCRC). I am writing to inform you about my experiences there since the fall as they relate to the school's desire to expand its facilities. Several issues seem to have emerged which I would like to address: traffic, the need for additional space and the impact on the neighborhood.

In terms of the traffic situation I have often come in a car to take or pick up my granddaughter . As you are perhaps aware the school is in a residential area . Houses surround the school which itself was a former residence so there are driveways and the general flow of residential traffic.

I have been extremely impressed by the care and efficiency with which the school manages its pick up and delivery system. There are members of the staff of the school dressed in a red jackets and using "walky-talkies" who direct the operation. Cars must wait behind a white line before coming to the designated spots along side the school where more staff come to take or deliver the children . While lined up behind the white line I put a card with a number on it which signifies who my child is for the designated staff person to send a message about whom I am coming for or delivering. It is very well organized.

I have also noticed that there are orange cones along the side ot the street by driveways and any other " no parking" areas. And I have seen cars come out of those driveways and easily enter the street traffic. I have also observed that there is a perfectly uninterrupted flow of normal residential traffic on the side of the street that is open while I am waiting in line. And the other afternoon I saw a workman come out of a house across the street from the school and get into his car.So there cannot be an overwhelming parking problem.

Certainly these periods of the day do add to the traffic on this street . But I can not believe from what I have witnessed that it is inhibiting the life of those who live there inordinately. And I laud the school for the efforts they are making to lessen the stress. One must remember that the people who bought houses in this neighborhood could not help but have known of the schools existence and its operations.

As far as expansion of facilities I am very aware of the need for additional indoor play areas and also places for meetings. My husband and I have looked at the plans for the new building and examined the site and do not find the new structure out of place in the area. We wonder why this did not happen several years ago. It seems so logical .

In terms of the impact of the school on the nearby community other than the traffic

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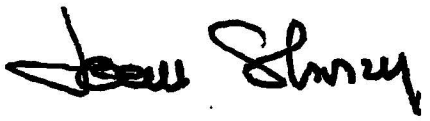
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situation which I have already mentioned I understand that some members from the neighborhood have expressed concerns about gatherings at the school. The one event that I am aware of that took place this year outside the school buildings was just after Halloween and after the snipers' capture. It was indeed a time for celebration and there were many families that came to the playground area. Balloons and games and tables with food made it colorful and festive. But probably not much noisier than a large cocktail party would have been at any of the nearby houses. I am surprised this special NCRC gathering could arouse undue concern.

We lived in Cleveland Park about three blocks from NCRC for over thirty years. Our youngest daughter went to NCRC as did the children of many of our friends. We also went to the Cleveland Park Club in the same area and to events at the National Cathedral a few blocks away . We felt lucky to have such resources in our neighborhood. We feel lucky now that our granddaughter can go to NCRC and we hope that the plans for the future of the school can be worked out in a rational and constructive fashion within the community. The school's immediate needs and solutions appear quite reasonable to us and we urge the Board of Zoning Adjustments to allow NCRC to proceed with their current plans.

Thank you for your attention and interest.

Sincerely,



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