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Mr. Geoffrey Griffiths
Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Dear Mr. Griffiths: Case 16970: Square 2072, Lot 30

A few days ago I received a notice from some Highland Place neighbors that the Department of Transportation is considering converting the eastern segment of Highland Place to a one-way street westbound, while the western segment (where I have lived for more than thirty years) will remain one-way eastbound. I want strongly to endorse the proposed change. Specifically:

> The eastern segment of Highland Place is unquestionably dangerous, given poor visibility at the sharp curve opposite the school and the somewhat less dangerous curve where Highland Place turns to join Newark Street.
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> As for the nonsensical argument that the change would convert the street into a 'driveway' for the school, there would be no privatization as the term implies, but a more efficient and markedly safer public street.
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> Despite the great improvement in both flow and safety from the new three-lane arrangement on 34th Street, the great traffic difficulty in the neighborhood remains the yearly increase in volume on that street, which will not be affected one way or the other by the proposed change in Highland Place.
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> School traffic will not affect 33rd Place any more under the new arrangement than at present, and non-school traffic, sparse at most times of the day, will mean only a marginal and manageable increase.

It is unfortunate that this new and healthy proposal with respect to traffic safety has become prejudicially embroiled with separate questions too often misrepresented by opponents of very sensible plans by NCRC for increasing its educational effectiveness (particularly for children with special needs) and better esthetic integration with its surroundings.

I strongly urge favorable action on the NCRC proposal and on the proposed changes in traffic patterns.

Yours sincerely,

Robert K. Webb

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