Declaration of R. Bruce Beckner and Sallie R. Beckner in Response to NCRC "Chronology of Community Outreach and Communications"

1. R. Bruce Beckner and Sallie R. Beckner hereby submit this joint declaration to correct certain misstatements of fact and material omissions in NCRC's "Chronology of Community Outreach and Communications" (hereinafter the "NCRC Chronology"). We make this declaration on the basis of personal knowledge.

2. Sallie Beckner was contacted by Susan Piggot on January 18, 2002. Sallie Beckner told Ms. Piggot that she would oppose the construction of a new, large building and any increase in students or faculty. Sallie Beckner declined an invitation to a one-on-one meeting and said she would attend the February 2 community meeting to hear the school's presentation.

3. On January 21, 2002, we wrote a letter advising of our preliminary knowledge of NCRC's plans and urging neighbors to attend the meeting that the school said it was going to hold. A true copy of this letter, which we hand-delivered to all of the houses on Newark on Ordway Streets east of 34th Street as well as Highland Place, Ashley Terrace and 33rd Place is attached as Exhibit A hereto.

4. On January 22, 2002, we posted an abridged version of the January 21 letter on the Cleveland Park e-mail list serve. (Please note that participation on this list serve is not limited to Cleveland Park residents. Therefore one cannot assume that a comment posted on the list serve is from a Cleveland Park resident.) A true copy of this letter is attached as Exhibit B hereto.

5. While it is true, as the NCRC Chronology claims, that the letter posted on the list serve says that the school has been a "relatively unobtrusive part" of Cleveland Park for a long time, the statement is taken out of context. The very next sentence in the letter, which NCRC failed to quote, reads, "The construction of additional buildings and the concomitant expansion of the school clearly will make it less so." The letter also points out that the school's current enrollment generates "large amounts of car traffic" and that the proposed new building "will be the first structure ever built on the property for school, rather than residential, purposes."

6. The week beginning January 21, Sallie Beckner went to the Historic Preservation Review Board ("HPRB") office to learn what she could about the review process and who was handling the NCRC case. T. Luke Young, the historian assigned to Cleveland Park, was not handling this project. Steven Calcott spoke with Sallie in person and stated he had been consulting with NCRC's architect for a year. He also told her that NCRC had already applied for HPRB conceptual design approval to be heard at HPRB's February 28 meeting. When Sallie Beckner complained that the community was just now hearing about this and neighbors had had no time to give input, Mr. Calcott said that the staff would not necessarily recommend granting NCRC's request for a February hearing.

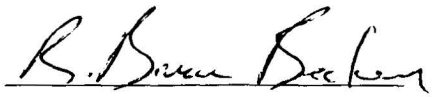
7. On January 28, we attended the meeting of ANC-3C and asked why the ANC had not received notice of this application. The ANC passed a resolution requesting that the

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HPRB give proper notice to the ANC before holding any hearing on NCRC's application. A true copy of the minutes of the January 28 ANC meeting and of that resolution are attached as Exhibits C and D hereto. (We note that NCRC's own chronology acknowledges contacting the Architectural Review Committee of the Cleveland Park Historical Society for review of their application on February 11, 2002, which would have been timely for a February 2002 meeting of the HPRB.)

8. Declarants say nothing further.



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