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Mr. Geoffrey Griffis
Chairman, Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W.
Suite 201
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Re: Case 16970

Dear Chairman Griffis:

I have recently learned that various individuals testifying for the Applicant in the above referenced case have mentioned the activities of The Cleveland Park Club in their testimony. The context has been the traffic conditions on Highland Place and Ordway Streets, N.W., near 34th Street. People in support of NCRC have testified that the Club has "hundreds of members" and suggested that the associated traffic contributes to traffic congestion. I am a Co-president of the Cleveland Park Club and I would like to correct the record.

The Cleveland Park Club was incorporated in 1921. The Club has had the property at 3433 33rd Place as its clubhouse since 1923. According to our Bylaws, the Club can have a maximum of 150 families as members, and to my knowledge we have never exceeded that membership. Right now, the Club membership is approximately 138 families. The only requirement for membership is proximity. Consequently, the vast majority of members always travel to the Club by foot. The Club generates very little vehicular traffic. Furthermore, the active season for the Club is the summer. The primary attraction of the Club is our small swimming pool, which is open from Memorial Day through Labor Day. While there are other activities at the Club that do run throughout the year, they are small-scale activities that include small exercise classes on some weekday mornings, a dance class for young children on some weekday afternoons, and occasional rentals for events such as play readings and birthday parties. These are the facts. It is important for you to understand that the Club's impact on traffic in the neighborhood is trivial, and any suggestion that the Club contributes to the traffic problem under review in relation to case 16970 is either misinformed or misleading.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the impact of The Cleveland Park Club on its neighbors.

Very truly yours,



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