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Ms. Carol J. Mitten
Chair, Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Re: Application #17320 by St. Albans School on Behalf of the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral Foundation
Hearing Date: June 14, 2005

Dear Ms. Mitten,

My family has lived continuously at 2921 34th St., NW since 1928. It was purchased by my grandfather and I have lived there since 1982. We are directly across the street from the St. Albans Athletic Fields which are one of the three components of the BZA Application before you and the subject of much ANC/neighborhood dialogue. I am a graduate of St. Albans School myself. Please accept this letter as I cannot attend your hearing.

The St. Albans Athletic Fields have always been well maintained, mowed, fences kept up and so on. We have never had any issue with their stewardship or usage of the property. They have been a very good neighbor. I would be very happy to have them proceed with the reconfiguration which will bring a much nicer edge treatment along 34th St. I absolutely do not want a fancy fence or plantings to block the view of the fields. Black chain link is fine. I want to see the open fields and through to the Cathedral.

Much talk is being made of the "stadium". As I understand it, and I have studied it well, seating is being put into the Beauvoir Hill which is obviously below the sight line of the current Beauvoir Building. I don't think there is any way it will interfere with my sight line of the Cathedral. I am comfortable with the seating and, at 50 years old, I have every intention of living on 34th St. until I will the house to my children.

Finally, I do feel a very satisfactory Usage Agreement will be reached between the neighbors, ANC and St. Albans. I can tell you there is a sincere effort coming from all sides to make this happen. I am quite distressed by the negative tone of the ANC Resolution which you have before you. St. Albans School has not been some sort of irresponsible neighbor as I have experienced it directly since my childhood. The ANC Resolution seems to be a bit of Washington-style positioning by the ANC to obtain leverage in the Usage Agreement discussion. It is also clear there is hold-over dissatisfaction by the ANC from previous projects by other schools in which St. Albans had no involvement.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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