

To: Board of Zoning Adjustment

Along with other neighbors “with Standing”, I want to lodge my objection to the sale of the property to a school that intends to grow significantly more than the current occupant.

- Kingsbury was granted an exception to operate on the property after much negotiation with our neighboring community. **The idea that this exception can simply be passed along like a hand-me-down parka jacket is outrageous and is disrespectful to the neighborhood that negotiated long and hard with Kingsbury as the specific recipient of the exception**, to say the least.
- The intent of LAMB to eventually have **a population of 600 is inappropriate for this site. The notion of a “gradual increase” is frankly, insulting** – in five years time or if that were permitted in one initial sweep, the tenor of this neighborhood will be severely jeopardized; it would negatively impact our homes and home-life significantly and unfairly, whether it is gradual or a sudden shift. A small school population of under 100 students has worked well. Reaching 300 would be a big shift already on so many fronts!
- **This neighborhood was granted a Residential Overlay for a reason, and this proposal goes against its intent** – we need it to restore and preserve and nurture a residential neighborhood community.
- The **traffic** that will ensue from hundreds of cars bringing students to school from across the city is not supportable in this location. The infrastructure cannot support the traffic from hundreds of parents.
- It would be entirely unacceptable to use the Piney Branch Road gate as an entrance or exit for drop off or pickup – it is not a fully formed road but more like an alley, without sidewalks, and would block residents from reasonably entering or exiting their street parking.
- The **noise** level will NOT be acceptable since the building is so close to Piney Branch Road and therefore the houses alongside this boundary, such as ours. It was not built to be a school, with appropriate space from its neighbors.

Sincerely,

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Corner of Farragut Street NW and Piney Branch Road NW directly behind school and back gate