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Re: The River School Child Development Center Rezoning, Casse 20472

Dear Chairperson Frederick Hill,

I am submitting this letter in support of The River School application to relocate their school to Nebraska Avenue. I am the current president of the Palisades Community Association which serves the neighborhood where The River School currently resides. I have seen the yard signs and heard public testimony from neighbors near the new proposed location on Nebraska Avenue opposing The River School locating there. The arguments seem to focus on fears of terrible traffic coming to that area. I strongly disagree that The River School will cause significant disruption to residents, and would argue that The River School will be an overall benefit to the neighborhood.

I can attest to the fact that The River School is a fabulous neighborhood school, and they have always been responsive to concerns from neighbors. At their current location cars must line up along MacArthur Blvd for pick up and drop off, temporarily blocking one lane of traffic. The River School, at the request of the neighborhood many years ago, hires officers to keep the traffic flowing. The staff at the school ensures that no neighbors' driveways are blocked, and the carpool line never lasts more than 15 minutes or so.

Furthermore, upon reviewing the plans for the new school on Nebraska Ave, it is clear that the design of the new site will allow for a significant number of cars to queue up on the school property. This is functionally far better than the current situation on MacArthur Boulevard, and the current situation on MacArthur is hardly disruptive to traffic. A slow down of fifteen to thirty seconds is what drivers may experience now as they attempt to change lanes. This is hardly a hardship.

Even if traffic fears are realized by the neighbors at the new location, The River School will be a willing partner in resolving these issues with creativity and grace. The vast majority of us in the Palisades have enjoyed The River School as a neighbor and I predict the new neighbors will come to share this view.

Sincerely,

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