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CASE #20472

Opposition to River School Application for Special Exemption

Dear Chairman Hill:

I am writing to respectfully request that you deny the River School's application for a special exemption and to support ANC3E who voted to oppose the application on October 14, 2021.

I live on 4309 Van Ness St. NW, Washington, DC 20016 and oppose the application for the following reasons.

My wife and I have lived at this address since 1979 and have noticed the increased traffic over the last 42 years. Traffic on the street began to increase yearly when construction began for the many embassies on Van Ness Street. After the embassies were occupied the traffic got worse because traffic began to enter Van Ness Street from Massachusetts Avenue to get to the embassies and the University College for DC at Connecticut and Van Ness Street.

In the last several years traffic has gotten even worse on Wisconsin Avenue and Van Ness

Street with the construction for the new Wegman's shopping center taking place at the former Fannie Mae buildings.

National Presbyterian School operates an elementary school at Nebraska Avenue and Van Ness Street resulting in an increase in traffic during the school days when the parents drop off and later in the day pick up their school children. Two schools in the same area would cause traffic jams about the same times each school days undoubtedly causing serious traffic congestion.

We have found that it is almost impossible now to get in and out of our car because of the heavy traffic coming down Van Ness Street most days of the week. Van Ness Street is almost too dangerous to even park on our street because of the nonstop heavy traffic. We dread what would happen if the River School's application was approved. It would become unsafe to even live on our street.

For the many reasons we oppose this school's application.

Respectfully,

Robert Pleshaw