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Dear Chairman Hill,

I am writing to request that you deny the River School's application for a special exemption and that you support ANC3e who voted to oppose the application on October 14, 2021.

I live on 4217 43rd Street NW, just one block from the proposed application.

AU park is a small and welcoming community full of young families. It is a dynamic community that has welcomed a host of urban developments, especially in recent years. My main concern is the impact of traffic on community safety, health and well - building on a surge of recent construction.

The River School project is a massive project on a small plot and it's at a dangerous location. I have read the traffic report and am thoroughly unconvinced that the proposed mitigation measures will address the risks.

Every proponent of the school now accepts that local traffic will be worsened, and will remain a challenge. As a family with young kids walking to our local school every day, I am gravely concerned and will remain most affected. I am surprised this zoning discussion is even under consideration. Mitigation steps do not make any proposals to improve traffic safety along 42nd street - which is an accident waiting to happen. Scant attention has been paid to the impact on approach roads, including 42nd and Warren, as well as 43rd and 44th street where many cars are likely to park - not just of students but patients of the clinic and staff of the complex.

I would finally like to question the benefits of another private school to this the area. The vast majority of river school students (85%) are fee paying and without any hearing impairment. I would hope the district authorities can find a way to promote the public health benefits of this institution in a more agreeable and sustainable location.

Thanks for your consideration.
Sandra Romboli