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Dear Nancy Mellon,

I have been a resident of DC since 1997 and a resident of 42nd Street, NW since 2005.

I write this letter to express my strong opposition to the relocation and expansion of the River School to 4220 Nebraska Avenue, NW.

The River School plan to relocate its expensive, private school to an historic single-family residential property in AU Park/Tenleytown would not provide ANY new benefit to the community or the city as a whole. **Importantly, the addition**

of the River School to the community in that particular residential location would significantly negatively impact traffic, safety and property values in the surrounding residential area and beyond.

The people of AU Park and Tenleytown are not averse to development in the *non-residential* portions of the community as can be witnessed by the 20+ schools and day care centers, multiple practice fields for local public schools and sports teams, public parks, theatres, and embassy residences. In addition, there are 21+ construction, development, redevelopment and utility/infrastructure upgrade projects currently underway in the area. These projects are **already planned** and located on **commercial/industrial zoned properties or areas**.

Around the corner from the historic 4220 Nebraska Avenue, NW property, at the American University Law School campus as well as at the larger AU campus less than a mile from the estate on Nebraska Avenue, AU is about to begin a ten-year major construction and renovation project. The AU Law school has received approval to add several new structures, students and eventually additional shuttle transit between their campuses. While the construction and development related to the ten-year plan will impact residents of the community, the University as a whole *provides significant benefits to the community* and it has been an *active part of the community* for decades. The benefits and resources AU makes available to residents of the area are innumerable.

The River School has no relationship, history or good will in the AU Park or Tenleytown neighborhood. In fact, the purchase of the property by the River School and ANY construction, cars, buses, people or structures related to that proposed plan would only negatively impact the safety, traffic, people and community in Tenleytown and AU Park.

Please reconsider your relocation plan for the property on 4220 Nebraska Avenue, NW and consider relocating to a community in DC that would welcome the school and benefit from the school and the campus.

Regards,

Alexandra Gianinno