

Re: BZA Application No. 20472: The River School

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in support of The River School's proposed new campus at 4220 Nebraska Avenue. As a resident of ANC 3D and SMD 3D10, I am so grateful for the community we have around us. There are excellent schools and universities within walking distance that make this neighborhood special, and why we would consider this our long-term home. The proposed new campus at 4220 Nebraska Ave would only further add to our community.

Throughout my own childhood, education has always been of utmost importance. My parents were immigrants who came to the US with very little and sacrificed everything they had to ensure my siblings and I always had the best education. We carry this forward for our children, as do countless parents in the Metro DC area. Education has always been the key to success for future generations to improve their lives, and this River School proposal would only further enrich our children.

The River School has an innovative curriculum for language and literacy as they teach children with hearing loss right along with children without any hearing impairments. Allowing this school to grow and expand its campus would only further benefit children with and without disabilities alike for generations to come. Of all the investments we make, investments in our children's educations always offer the best returns.

I understand there has been quite a bit of misinformation from groups against this proposal. Reviewing the River School proposal demonstrates a clear plan for traffic management, and the development plan preserves the beauty of that area.

There should never be opposition to building more schools, better schools, or improving current schools. While there may be discussions and negotiations on exact details, the concept of a small group of people lobbying against a school that has served thousands of children and will continue to teach future generations for decades to come should be outright rejected. I wholeheartedly support the River School's proposed new campus at 4220 Nebraska Ave.

Thank you,



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