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Board of Zoning Adjustment
of the District of Columbia
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Support for BZA Case No. 20593 – Blessed Sacrament Recreational Playing Field Continued Use

Dear Members of the Board of Zoning Adjustment:

We are the own

3.ers of 3610 Quesada St., NW, which is directly across from Blessed Sacrament's playing field, separated only by a 12 foot alley. We write to support Blessed Sacrament's application and to request continuation of the policy of allowing nearby neighbors to use the playing field during weekend daytime hours when it is not in use by Blessed Sacrament. We also oppose what we understand is the request of one neighbor for an end to weekend use of the field by people from neighboring properties and a higher fence, and we see no need for their request for increased security. Finally, we support the application for party status and testimony of Thomas Orgren, who with our daughter, Julie Bromberg, is a tenant at 3610 Quesada St., NW, and has an option to purchase that property.

We lived in 3610 Quesada St., NW between October 2015 and June 2019, and enjoyed watching and listening to the children playing in the field. We never experienced any problems with neighbors using the field on weekends and welcomed seeing it used.

We oppose what we understand is one neighbor's request to build a higher 10 foot fence around the field. Our house looks directly into the field from the back windows, screened porch, and back yard. The open view of the broad field and Patterson Street beyond it and possible use of the field were factors in our decision

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to purchase our house. A higher fence would obstruct the current view of the field and could diminish the value of our property.

We also support the continued use of the field on weekends by nearby neighbors. During the period we lived in the house, we had no young children and did not use the field, but we were never bothered by the small number of neighbors who did use it. To the contrary, we enjoyed chatting with the parents who used the field and watching the children playing. We were never troubled by the noise. Also while we lived there, we saw no security problems that would warrant 24 hour security for the field.

Thank you for consideration of our views. We urge you to support Blessed Sacrament's application for authorization of the playing field while preserving the status quo of neighborhood access to the field without further design changes.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet M. Robins

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