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Chairman of the BZA
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Dear Sir,

My name is Bethany Velasco, I live with my husband and two children at 6352 31st Place NW (telephone 202.234.3852, and email home@velasco.com), and I write comments in support of Maret School's BZA Application No. 20643.

I fully support Maret's BZA application for these reasons, concisely stated:

- Maret and the ECC are **long-standing exemplary District citizens** - 110 years for Maret and 125 for the ECC;
- The Maret - ECC lease is an agreement between two private entities, not public, involving **private property**;
- The agreement will **benefit many District children** from all city Wards in that it allows the ECC to reopen and bring back the kids who are currently shuttled to facilities in Virginia and Maryland, and also Maret students, many of whom live right here in Ward 4 (our family included);
- Maret continues to show **incredible good-faith** towards all ECC neighbors, addressing detractor's concerns and revising plans based on these concerns;
- DC needs **regulation-size field space** with artificial surfaces for it's growing population and Maret will be an excellent custodian of this space;
- The District has an **opportunity to grow smartly** here - let's seize it and continue to make DC shine.

Thank you for reading my comments in support,

Bethany Velasco

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