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Mr. Frederick L. Hill
Chairman
District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment
via email: bzasubmissions@dc.gov

RE: BZA Application No. 20642: Maret School Athletic Fields Project

Dear Mr. Hill:

I write today to voice my support for the Maret School Athletic Fields Project on the grounds of The Episcopal Center for Children. While I have two children currently enrolled at Maret, my association with the immediate vicinity of the ECC predates my connection to Maret and will endure long after my children depart from the School. I currently reside at 3115 Quesada St., N.W. and for over 15 years as a close-proximity neighbor to the ECC, I have become quite familiar with the property that anchors the corner of Nebraska and Utah Aves. The distinguished campus is immediately recognizable to thousands of residents as they traverse the Nebraska & Utah corridors and in many respects, its presence provides steady reassurance that one has arrived in their home neighborhood. So I approach the development of the property with a durable relationship to this unique subsection of Chevy Chase, D.C. and over time, I, and countless others, have regularly speculated about what would become of the ECC land if and when it was no longer able to continue operations. Now, the day has arrived for us to address its future and the ECC-Maret partnership is, without question, a terrific solution for all stakeholders.

Maret leadership has done a superlative job developing and measuring the contours of the project, the core of which (i) advances Maret's ability to cultivate and sustain their impressive and winning athletic program, (ii) preserves the potential ability of the ECC to resume programming, and (iii) adds accessible and safe outdoor space for D.C.-based youth sports organizations and neighborhood families. The project strives to maintain a level of tranquility that typifies the historic use of the land but also balances the demands associated with activity on a site that lies in a densely populated neighborhood. Please know that Maret's commitment and attention to the concerns of the community, particularly the considerable effort currently being made to accommodate the interests of the residents whose properties are adjacent to the grounds, is representative of the level of excellence and community-oriented collaboration that pervades Maret's affairs and should provide serious encouragement to all stakeholders that Maret is, and will continue to be, an exceptional neighborhood partner and steward for many many years to come.

Sincerely,

Jay Ingram

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