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Dear BZA,

Please see our **Comments of Support** for Application No. 20643 for your consideration.

My spouse, Susana Lorenzo-Giguere, and we live at 3012 Tennyson St NW. I pass by The Episcopal Center for Children (ECC) several times a day and know the space well as our family has played frisbee on the back field, sled down the front lawn in past winters and, I have to confess, taken our dogs to play in the expansive back field as well. We love this space and what it has provided our family, and being human, we wish it would stay that way forever.

But looking at development across the city, that is simply not a realistic expectation. The ECC property will not remain the same, and if it is to change in the near future, we would rather it be used as proposed by the Maret School; to create a multi-sport field and baseball diamond.

I have intentionally used my work email because I believe St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School offers a unique window as to what having such a space in a residential neighborhood would look like. I welcome you to take a drive and visit the school's athletic field located off Foxhall Road. If you do, you see that the school's interscholastic athletic field and stadium serves as a buffer to rapid development of upscale homes, where new growth forest has been clear cutted to make land available for these developments. Indeed, I dare say that the school's neighbors are grateful to have the field there to slow down the rush to build. Also, due to neighborhood agreements, the school has to adhere to agreed to conditions made with the community and consult with the neighborhood to ensure any events to not create an undue hardship or burden on the community and traffic.

Susana and I would rather be in partnership with anyone who eventually takes control of this space and provide Susana and I some control as to how it is used. And we would far prefer to see a space created that can be used by the plurality of the community. And quite frankly, we prefer not to see it carved up to make way for developers to build larger than needed homes, which is not an aesthetic we find very pleasing.

Please feel free to reach out to me or Susans at (202) 594-4335. Susana is on travel until early March, but welcomes any questions as well.

Best,

Paul

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