

Frederick L. Hill  
Chairperson  
Board of Zoning Adjustment  
District of Columbia Office of Zoning  
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200-S Washington, DC 20001

Re: Board of Zoning Adjustment Case # 20643: Maret School

Dear Chairperson Hill:

As a decades long neighbor to the Episcopal Center for Children, I **write in full support of its mission and service to the special needs children in our city. It is indeed a valuable resource with a resolute staff.**

Virtually every day my wife and I walk near the school grounds and fields and benefit from the peaceful vistas, trees, and greenery it provides.

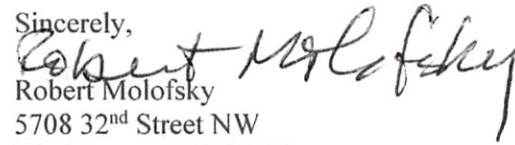
**I have serious concerns, however, with the ambitious plans and programs Maret has for the 5-acre field on the school grounds. I recognize that the ECC requires additional resources to reopen and prosper, but the Maret Plan is the wrong choice to generate this support. I oppose this partnership.**

Building the fields as planned, lined with artificial plastic turf, will raise significant and yet unaddressed, environmental, health and safety issues harmful to both the players and spectators, and especially the neighbors both around and in the vicinity of the proposed "sports complex."

Despite "best efforts" by Maret, the plan would destroy the serene landscape, trigger drainage and pollution problems. It would cause unabated practice and game day noise, from use not only by the school, but from "paying sports clubs and training academies," above the existing limits, with resulting traffic congestion, entry, exit and parking problems in front (notwithstanding the 50-space lot) and extending to the surrounding streets. The "block" scheduling does not cure these issues.

I well understand Maret's intent to secure better playing facilities for its students, and the potential revenue it may provide to ECC. BUT the expansive Maret plan, designed to benefit a limited number of students, is not the best, wisest nor responsible choice to achieve these objectives. I urge you to reject the zoning exemption and the proposal as presented.

Thank you for your consideration of these views.

Sincerely,  
  
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