

**3106 Quesada Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20015**

January 17, 2022

Dear D.C. Zoning Commission and ANC Commissioners,

I live at 3106 Quesada Street, NW, which is at the corner of Quesada St. and Utah Avenue, NW. I can see the Episcopal School from my yard. I bought my home in 1992. My daughter attended Lafayette, Deal and is now a student at the Duke Ellington School of the Arts. I am the Public Affairs director at the Smithsonian Natural History Museum.

I am writing to express my opposition to Maret's plans to turn the field of the Episcopal Center for Children into a multi-field sports facility. While I understand Maret wants more space for its sports teams, it already has access to property that it developed at JELEF.

For a neighborhood zoned for residential housing, the current plans seem over zealous, calling for intense use, with the removal of dozens of old growth trees, the addition of tall perimeter fencing and netting and huge retaining walls that will directly abut current houses and new illumination of the premises. The project will remove the wooded landscape and bring innumerable cars and buses into the neighborhood during the week and especially on weekends creating traffic congestion, pollution and noise, and create safety concerns for our children. The scope of the plan seems well beyond the scale of use for land that is zoned for residential housing.

Normally, I am a fan of Merat. I used to live near its main campus and I have relatives who attended the school. But the school's plans to turn pristine land in a quiet neighborhood into a for-profit athletic complex is unacceptable. I respectfully ask you to please do whatever you can to scale back this project.

Thank you for your consideration,

Yours sincerely,



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