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Dear BZA and ANC members,

I write in support of the Rock Creek Club. I am a resident of Mount Pleasant and a father of two young boys and I believe access to a multi-purpose space will be of great benefit to our community.

My personal reasons for supporting the Club are strongly related to my advocacy work in support of Bancroft Elementary School, which, despite its incredible academic and social success (perhaps because of it), has for years suffered from severe overcrowding and a lack of educational and public space. Through years of close, collaborative work with DCPS, City Council, and our ANC reps, we were able to identify a new Annex space for our school, which will alleviate classroom overcrowding.

However important this Annex is, our communities are still lacking in open functional spaces. Specifically, the Bancroft and Mount Pleasant communities have but one option accessible by foot and bike: the Bancroft soccer field. The Annex won't have an open space, which means the soccer field will continue to be the only option, in a moment where there is overwhelming demand for fields to rent to organized sports leagues.

The Rock Creek Club seeks to address this evident need, all within walking and biking distance to our neighbors. It will offer not just space for sports but also for community events that the extended Bancroft and Mount Pleasant communities will be able to utilize, thus relieving pressure on the overwhelmed DCPS facilities.

I would also like to add that equitable access is a core concern of my advocacy work. I am heartened by the continuous commitment and improvement the Club's founders are making to ensure it is as affordable as possible, expanding entry options and making it flexible for families to become members. I look forward to making that affordable and equitable access even more of a reality once and if the Club is open, all while respecting the carrying capacity of the area.

Thanks for your attention and hope you can support this initiative.

Best,
Patricio

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