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To Whom It May Concern:

My wife and I are excited to about the coming addition of the Rock Creek Club. I have called Washington, D.C. home since 1996, and my wife and I have lived in Mount Pleasant for the past 17 years. We bought our first home together and raised our two sons here, and our entire family feels deeply connected to this neighborhood. My wife and I both work at Monumental Sports & Entertainment, headquartered in the District. She is Chief People Officer and an attorney, and I am Senior Vice President of Production, overseeing content.

When our children were younger, we were members of Cleveland Park Club for many years. We appreciated its community-oriented approach, but our family has outgrown it. Rock Creek Club is a much better fit for where we are today—particularly for our teenage boys. We only live a 10-minute walk, or less than a five-minute bike ride, from the Club. Being able to enjoy it without getting in a car is a real benefit for our family and for the neighborhood.

We have always valued being part of a community that brings people together, and Rock Creek Club feels especially meaningful to us. RCC would offer our boys a welcoming place to be active, productive, and social: a gym, tennis, swimming, café, and comfortable places to work or spend time together. I am an avid runner, so the Club's proximity to the trails of Rock Creek Park is also especially appealing. I can imagine finishing a run through the woods and stopping in to lift weights or take a quick swim in the summer.

My wife and I also work from home at times and would value having a nearby co-working option. It provides an alternative to driving downtown, reducing traffic and pollution while giving us a place to work close to home.

Most importantly, we see Rock Creek Club as an important community resource. Rock Creek Park is an extraordinary asset—truly unique among major American cities—and the opportunity to join a community centered on nature, wellness, connection, and shared experiences is a dream come true for us. We are also excited by the prospect of helping improve and preserve this historic property, making it a neighborhood treasure for generations to come.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,
Jim Kowats
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