To the Board of Zoning Adjustment,

My name is Jay Bose. I am the former ANC commissioner for SMD 3C06, which encompasses the property at 2325 Porter St NW, the site of the proposed Rock Creek Club. I resigned from my position in July of this year when I moved out of the neighborhood, but was still occupying the seat when this proposal was first introduced. I am writing to express my support for the proposed zoning adjustment on the property, and can attest that the proposal has been subject to extensive community engagement by the applicant, by me, and by my former colleagues on ANC 3C following my departure.

For reference, a brief synopsis of the initial outreach is below:

The applicant, Adam Vitarello, reached out to me on June 2nd of this year for an initial discussion of the proposal. We met for coffee on June 12th, where the applicant walked me through their plans for the site. Three days later on June 15, I was contacted by nearby residents who voiced their concerns about the proposal. In their initial outreach, neighbors indicated to me that they had already met with the applicant, and had a follow up meeting scheduled with him later in the month. On Friday, June 26, I joined a neighbor to walk the property and better understand residents' concerns around the proposal. My colleagues and I also heard a formal presentation by the applicant during the July meeting of ANC 3C's Planning, Zoning, Housing, and Economic Development committee, where members of the community were invited to provide comments.

Before I resigned from my seat in mid-July, I notified neighbors that I was leaving the community and directed them to speak with my colleagues on ANC 3C to continue the discussion, which they have done on multiple occasions, both formally during ANC 3C's official meetings and informally in individual discussions.

D.C. needs more places for people to gather socially, and it especially needs more places for families to spend time outdoors. The proposed club will provide a greater benefit to the community than the unoccupied single family home that currently sits on the site (a property which was not providing housing to anyone, and which most Washingtonians could not have afforded anyway.)

Mr. Vitarello and his colleagues have been responsive to community feedback throughout the process, and have gone out of their way to hear and mitigate community concerns.

I urge you to allow this project to move forward and not unnecessarily impose additional delays on what has already been a robust community-based review process.

Sincerely,

Jay Bose

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