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BZA Case 21510 - Rock Creek Club - Letter of Support

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Dear Board of Zoning Adjustment and ANC 3C,

I am writing in support of BZA Case 21510 — the Rock Creek Club's request for a special exception to convert the Greystone property in Rock Creek Park from a single-family residence into a community club space.

My family lives in Cleveland Park, and we are supporters of the Rock Creek Club's vision for a welcoming, multigenerational community space in the heart of Rock Creek Park. The Club has already grown to 130 member households drawn from a diverse cross-section of the neighborhood, which speaks to real demand for exactly this kind of gathering place. Despite this, if you have concerns, I would be happy to help address them, and would ask for the opportunity to do so.

Adaptive reuse of an existing property for community use is precisely the kind of investment that strengthens a neighborhood. To me, it is not only positive in and of itself, but is much preferable to the property being bought by a non-DC resident as an expensive pied-à-terre that is hardly used, which I understand was the alternative. Not only will this proposed use strengthen the sense of community in Cleveland Park, it will also bring jobs.

There is also longstanding precedent for this in Cleveland Park. The Cleveland Park Club has been a bedrock of the community since its founding in 1922. In fact, in 1923, the club purchased a house and later built a swimming pool, where it still sits today among single family homes. It is one of three civic organizations listed in the Cleveland Park Wikipedia page. Can you imagine if zoning decisions had stopped it in its tracks over a hundred years ago? Wouldn't it be great to add a fourth entry to the Wikipedia page to highlight how our community is expanding one hundred years on?

I ask that you grant the special exception.

Sincerely,
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