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BZA Case 21510 - Rock Creek Club - Letter of Support

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Hello, I hope this message finds you well. My name is Patrick and I write you in support of the Rock Creek Club and the benefits it will provide to our family and the broader community.

We are a family of 4 that has called Washington, DC our home for over 20 years. My wife and I both live and work in downtown DC and reside in the Cleveland Park neighborhood. We have 2 young children ages 6 and 2 and love living in the city. Spending time together in the neighborhood after work / school and on the weekends involves being outside and exploring all DC has to offer. We firmly believe the Rock Creek Club can become an amazing addition to both our immediate neighborhood and DC in general. There are not a ton of options for a young and growing family to have a communal outdoor space to play, run, enjoy, entertain the family, and be together with other families. The ability to have this nearby and accessible is a huge plus for us. We have a good amount of families in our neighborhood that feel the same way. A place to be outside, ride bikes to, be active, and share with others is hugely attractive as a long-term DC family.

Another aspect of RCC that is attractive is the ability to walk and bike there for those that live in the immediate area. We do not plan to drive to RCC (and don't really drive much in the neighborhood at all) :)

In closing, for our family, RCC is about community and access to nature. In DC proper, finding a space where you can be active, social, and outdoors is tough without getting in the car and heading to VA or MD. Having that right in our backyard, open to anyone who wants to join, is rare and exciting. We see this as the kind of place where neighbors become friends, kids grow up spending time outside, and families can stay active together close to home. I hope you will support this as well.

Thank you,
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