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BZA Case 21510 - Rock Creek Club - Letter of Support

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Dear Members of the Board of Zoning Adjustment and ANC 3C,

I am writing in support of the Rock Creek Club's application in BZA Case 21510.

I am a third-generation Washingtonian and a graduate of DC public schools. I was raised in Ward 3. My wife and I are now raising our son, Elijah, in Mount Pleasant. I work as a pediatric emergency physician at Children's National Hospital. We plan to walk to the proposed club, as it would be a half mile from our house.

I have been impressed by how the founders have approached this project. Their plan is respectful of the surrounding community and of the park itself. It is environmentally responsible. They have worked to keep membership within reach of working professional families, rather than limiting it to people with generational wealth. As someone who grew up here, I think that distinction matters tremendously.

The Rock Creek Club would turn a single private residence into a place that many families can share. It would be an outdoor, all-ages third space. Spaces like this are usually found in the suburbs, and many working families eventually move there to find them. A club at the edge of Rock Creek Park, reachable without a car, is the kind of resource that gives families a reason to stay in DC and build their lives here.

I urge the Board and the ANC to support the Club's request.

Sincerely,
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