ST. ALBANS SCHOOL

Mount St. Alban, Washington, D.C. 20016-5095

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Washington D.C. Zoning Commission,
Carol Mitten, Chair
441 4th Street N.W.
Suite 210 South
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Case No. 02-30

Dear Zoning Commission:

I am the head coach for the St. Albans and National Cathedral Schools rowing team. I am also an alumnus of Georgetown University where I rowed from 1986 to 1990. Rowing on the Potomac used to be a sport I did in college, now it is a way of life for me. I grew up in Buffalo, NY, and one of the main reasons I have relocated to the DC area is the Potomac River.

Georgetown now has the opportunity to build a boathouse that will help them compete at the highest level. They are currently racing against teams like Princeton and Harvard that have elite facilities. Thompson Boat Center does not fit their needs. My St. Albans team rows out of Thompson also. We are competitive with some of the best high schools in the country. Last year our Varsity 8 was 2nd at the Scholastic Nationals to St. Joseph's Prep in Philadelphia. It is crucial for the survival of high school rowing on the Potomac that Georgetown build a boathouse. Our shells are now in the outside "compound", which will soon be gone as the Swedish Embassy is built. Allowing Georgetown to build a boathouse will allow that program to improve its standing at the national level, and it will save the many high school programs that row out of Thompson's. The high school programs will benefit from the space they vacate.

The sport of rowing has improved the life of many high school kids in DC. I see it on my team, but also on teams from Wilson High School, Yorktown, Sidwell, Georgetown Visitation, and many others. The kids that row for these teams are physically fit, they get good grades, and they are learning skills that will be with them forever. I know from personal experience that rowing can change a life.

Thank you,

Ted Haley

Ted Haley
Head Coach
St. Albans and National
Cathedral Crew

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