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Mr Bill Crews
Zoning Administrator
DCRA - Room 2000
941 North Capitol Street, NW
Washington, DC 20002

Re American University's Expanded Use of its Playing Field

Dear Mr Crews

To keep the thinking on this matter clear, I am writing this brief response to the letter of November 3 that AU's lawyer, Mr Tummonds, sent you to address my letter of November 1

Mr Tummonds does not respond to any of the points made in my letter He simply asserts that there are "numerous inaccuracies" and sends you some of his past letters that are already in your file. We have investigated this matter carefully, over a period of time, and are satisfied with the accuracy of the letter we sent you.

The neighbors are continuing to experience amplified sound and loud cheering from intercollegiate games on the new playing field This condition is quite oppressive to homeowners in the community, and is in no way consistent with the legal standard in the Zoning Regulation which allows a University in a residentially-zoned community only if "it is not likely to become objectionable to neighboring property because of noise, traffic, number of students, or other objectionable conditions" (Section 210 2) and "will not tend to affect adversely the use of neighboring property" (Section 3108 1) We hope you will be able to show the City's residents that their government is capable of enforcing the laws it has put in place to protect them

Sincerely,

Alma H. Gates

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Chair

cc ✓Carol Mitten
Paul Tummonds
Robert Herstein

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