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Dear Chairman Hill,

We are writing to respectfully request that you **deny** the River School's application for a special exemption and to support ANC3E who voted to oppose the application on October 14, 2021.

We live at 4312 Van Ness Street, NW, Washington, DC. The following are our main issues:

- The volume of traffic on Van Ness and the surrounding streets is already high. We have seen, time and time again, cars and trucks with MD and VA tags, speed, and go though stop signs without even touching the brakes. This is a DAILY occurrence. The school would add a large number of cars flooding our local streets and with some drivers engaging in the same reckless behavior without regard to the local community.
- There are many families with young children, pets and elderly residents who live here and should expect the streets to be safe. There is no way this project would not increase danger for local residents.
- This is not a local school and does not belong on such a small plot of land in a residential neighborhood already plagued by traffic issues.
- Young children will not be taking public transportation and we see very often the traffic nightmares/congestion caused by parents dropping off and picking up their children at other local private schools.
- Out of area people who support this project should not be given weight in the zoning decision.
- This will have an adverse impact on the quality of life for residents of this area.
- This is not a NIMBY issue, this is a private school with high tuition and does not belong here given all the concerns articulated above and by other members of the community.

Best regards,
Susan and Robert Motyka