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Dear Chairman Hill:

I am writing to 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. I live at 4348 Verplanck Place, NW Washington, DC 20016, three blocks from the proposed purchase site.

The following are the main issues for me:

1. The River School is a massive project on a small plot and it's at a dangerous location.
2. The River School wants to move 440 people (350 students + 90 faculty) in to and out of a single residence plot of 2.27 acres every school day at the double intersection of Nebraska Avenue with Van Ness and 42nd streets.
3. The project raises many serious concerns: (i) traffic volume, (ii) use of local streets for queuing, (iii) worsening of intersection performance and safety, (iv) lack of commitment to alternative transit modes in the proposed Traffic Management Plan, and (v) lack of consequences for non-compliance (as laid out in the ANC 10/14 resolution).
4. DDOT has given several intersections near 4220 Nebraska an F1 or F2 rating (failing) even without the River School traffic being added to the mix. According to the Institute of Transportation Engineers' trip generation report, the River School would generate about 1,438 car trips daily.
5. The River School currently has 220 students. Its families come from all over DC, Maryland, and Virginia. It cannot be and will never be a local school. Transportation is necessary for its business.
6. Our local streets will be congested with lines of cars waiting to drop off and pick up students.
7. Our local streets are not very wide and the lines of waiting cars will cause congestion for neighborhood residents coming and going to Nebraska Avenue.

It is very important for the integrity of our neighborhood that you deny the River School's application for a special exemption.

I appreciate your consideration of these concerns and those of the whole neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Board of Zoning Adjustment  
District of Columbia  
CASE NO.20472  
EXHIBIT NO.139

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