

3150 Quesada Street
Washington, DC 20015
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Dear Zoning Commission and ANC Commissioners,

I understand and sympathize with the desire of the Episcopal Center for Children to find a source of revenue for its school and therapeutic program.

But as a neighbor who lives a few blocks away from the Center, I am concerned about several aspects of the Maret School's plan to turn the field into a sports facility in an area zoned to be a residential neighborhood.

The plans from the Maret School call for a significant buildout, with multiple fields, fencing and netting, and high retaining walls. The project will bring too many cars and increased traffic to the neighborhood, along with pollution, noise, uncontrollable stormwater runoff, and parking problems. In addition to the environmental hazards, artificial turf poses physical hazards to the players. The proposed build-out would also eliminate walking areas that are major sources of healthy and peaceful exercise for the area's residents.

I urge the zoning commission to encourage the school to rethink the dimensions and scope of this project.

Sincerely,


Theodora Stervinou