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Traffic and Parking Board
Alexandria City Hall
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

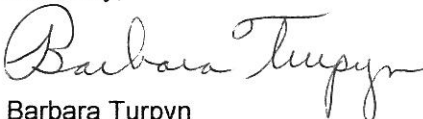
The purpose of this letter is to present the position of the Parkfairfax Unit Owners' Association ("Parkfairfax Association"), in response to the City's planned traffic changes to the intersection of Valley Drive and Martha Custis Drive, in front of Charles Barrett Elementary School ("Charles Barrett"). The Association supports the Recommended Concept that was presented in a meeting with Richard Baier on Thursday, February 17 and posted the next day on the City's Web site, subject to commitments from the City to proceed with what we feel are additional requirements necessary to fully address the traffic/safety problems at the school.

We believe that on its own the Recommended Concept does not address a number of factors that greatly affect traffic in the area; and therefore does not adequately improve student safety at the school which is the ultimate goal of the project. As a result, the Parkfairfax Association strongly believes that the following additional steps are integral to ensuring not only safe routes to Charles Barrett, but creating and maintaining safe roadways for the community:

- Demarcate a bus-only drop-off zone near the front of school;
- Establish a dedicated drop-off zone in the school parking lot to reduce interference with regular auto traffic and pedestrians. Alternatively, consider installing a pull-off lane behind the bus zone so standing cars can get out of the travel lane;
- Address the confusing mix of 7am-4pm and 8am-4pm parking-restriction signs on Valley/Martha Custis and revisit the rationale in spots where parking is restricted to see if additional parking spaces can be made available; and
- Re-evaluate with the Charles Barrett School principal and parents drop-off and neighborhood parking procedures.

Representatives of the Parkfairfax Association would appreciate the opportunity to participate in discussions about any and all of these additional steps. The Parkfairfax Association would like to thank the City of Alexandria for its consideration for the Parkfairfax community in altering the plan to remove the one-way section of Valley Drive, and for its efforts to make Alexandria a safer place for pedestrians.

Sincerely,



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President, Parkfairfax Unit Owners' Association Board of Directors