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July 27, 2017

Dr. Jeffrey Kraskin
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Re: Grievance filed by Spring Valley –Wesley Heights Citizens Association

Dear Dr. Kraskin:

Thank you for your correspondence dated July 19, 2017.

As you know, Community Liaison Committee (“CLC”) members are required to make *every* effort to resolve disputes during regularly scheduled meetings of the CLC before submitting grievances to the University. Despite your assertions, this clearly has not happened with respect to your complaint. Moreover, any mediation efforts at this point would be counter-productive without the full participation of other CLC member organizations given that SV-WHCA does not represent the only interested party to the dispute. Every CLC member has a stake in the issue at hand. For these reasons, before SV-WHCA invokes mediation, the Community Liaison Committee must be given a full and fair opportunity to address its operations and the interplay between it and the newly formed Neighborhood Collaborative.

AU is seeking a consensus-based approach that gives the University and the surrounding community an opportunity to build trust and resolve issues proactively. We are not tied to any one solution or path. Our last communication made this point clear and stated that should further discussions fail to resolve the concerns, then all members of the CLC who are unhappy with the resulting situation would be free to pursue the issue pursuant to the CLC Mediation Guidelines. We stand by our position.

Sincerely,

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