

PETITION

WHEREAS, the property known as 14196 and 14206 Frederick Road, Cooksville, Maryland (“Property”) is zoned RC-DEO; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Decision & Order of the Howard County Board of Appeals Hearing Examiner, dated July 17, 2002, upon petition by Woodmont Academy, Inc. (“Woodmont”), conditional uses for a private academic school and retreat center were granted; and

WHEREAS, the Property is no longer being used by Woodmont and Woodmont Education Foundation, Inc. (“Woodmont Foundation”), the owner of the Property, has entered into a contract for the sale of the Property to Dar-us- Salaam or an affiliate of Dar-us-Salaam (“DUS”); and

WHEREAS, it has been publicized by DUS that it plans to develop the Property to include, without limitation, a full service K-12 school for over 1,500 students, a worship facility with a capacity of up to 5,000 people, multi- story administrative buildings, student dormitories, and staff condominiums (“Development Plans”); and

WHEREAS, Woodmont Foundation, in anticipation of DUS’ Development Plans, has filed a Petition for a Zoning Map Amendment as part of Howard County, Maryland’s Comprehensive Zoning Plan, which Petition requests that the Property be re-zoned to add the Institutional Overlay (“IO”) to the existing RC-DEO zone; and

WHEREAS, if such Petition is granted, or the Property is otherwise up-zoned in any other way, DUS would be permitted to expand the current use of the Property and implement some or all of its Development Plans; and WHEREAS, neither the IO zone, nor the Community Center Transition Zone (“CCT”) being proposed by the Department of Planning & Zoning, is appropriate for the Property since they do not meet the purposes subscribed for in either of the zones;

WHEREAS, the Development Plans, if permitted by right or as a result of a subsequent conditional use decision & order, will have an adverse effect on the neighboring properties, local residents, and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the Development Plans are inconsistent with Plan Howard 2030, adopted by the Howard County Council and approved by the Howard County Executive; and

WHEREAS, the Development Plans do not maintain the fabric of the rural residential community in which we live, work and play.

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, including for the foregoing reasons, hereby opposes the re-zoning of the Property or the granting of any conditional use which would allow any of the Development Plans if they exceed the current permitted use of the Property.

Signature

Name

Address

Address _____ Date

Phone

E-Mail

NOTE: By executing this Petition, you hereby authorize Residents for (“RRDW”), to share this Petition with third parties, including the Planning Board and the Zoning Board, and to publish your name on the RRDW website.

MAIL SIGNED PETITION TO: RRDW, P.O. BOX 41 LISBON, MD 21765