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Members of City Council and Land Use Committee –

I am writing to provide comments in connection with Resolution 2020-R015 on the May 19, 2020 agenda of the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Committee relating to George Mason Elementary School.

Historic Richmond is a nonprofit with a mission of shaping the future of Richmond by preserving our distinctive historic character, sparking revitalization and championing our past and future architectural legacy. We previously provided comments on this matter before the Commission of Architectural Review.

While we strongly believe that the Commission of Architectural Review's decision was not in error, we support the School Board's proposal to memorialize the architectural features and history of George Mason Elementary School by salvaging bricks from the portion of the School constructed in 1922 to build a brick arch incorporating the cornerstone from the portion of the School constructed in 1922 and two brick columns incorporating each cornerstone from other later additions to the School.

We believe the School Board's proposal for this architectural feature is consistent with our prior comments before the Commission of Architectural Review. George Mason Elementary School and its role in the larger story of public education in Richmond is an important aspect of Richmond's complex history and the School Board's proposed architectural feature is a step towards memorializing the history of this school on this site.

Thank you for consideration of our comments. More importantly, thank you for your service to the City, particularly in these trying times.

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