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**Merion Civic Association  
Motion Passed at the March 24, 2009 Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**RESOLUTION RE: DEVELOPMENT and USE of the MAGUIRE CAMPUS of  
SAINT JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY**

**WHEREAS**, stated in the Bylaws of this Association ("MCA"), Sections 102 (a) (iii) and 102 (a) (v), among the purposes of the MCA are:

" to safeguard the community interest in matters of zoning [and] traffic ..." and "to provide a general clearing house for information and a forum where community problems may be presented and discussed;

**WHEREAS**, consistent with the above cited sections of this Association's Bylaws, both Saint Joseph's University ("SJU") and the Merion Community Coalition<sup>1</sup> ("MCC") have made detailed, thorough presentation of the pertinent issues, as they see them, concerning the proposed development and use of the Maguire Campus<sup>2</sup>, and each has answered questions posed by Directors of this Association for clarification of points raised by each party. Upon consideration of the foregoing:

**NOW, THEREFORE** The Merion Civic Association hereby adopts the following Resolution which shall be presented to all community members and Township bodies having interest in the matters discussed herein and that is:

The Merion Civic Association believes that bona fide issues have been raised by the Merion Community Coalition (MCC) about impacts on the surrounding neighborhood by SJU's current plans to develop its Maguire Campus.

The MCA endorses requests made by the MCC to the Township Board of Commissioners, the Planning Commission, and the Zoning Hearing Board that these matters be heard openly, fairly and completely before all relevant decision-making Township bodies or sub-committees thereof.

<sup>1</sup> The MCC has stated that it represents over 150 families who have joined together to deal with the issues believed pertinent to the proposed development.

<sup>2</sup> Formerly the property of Episcopal Academy

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The MCA likewise recognizes SJU's interests in using their new Maguire Campus to enhance the University's central missions and encourages SJU to deal directly with its neighbors to find mutually protective and enhancing resolutions of each party's key interests.

The MCA's position is that the parties to this matter should be able to achieve and maintain the quiet enjoyment of their properties as regulated by all currently applicable zoning ordinances and relevant municipal statutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott R. Feuer, President  
Merion Civic Association

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