

Statement to The Alexandria City City Council  
by Gary J. Carr  
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President Barak Obama  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Obama,

I would like to invite you to the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new George Washington Sports Complex at Braddock Metro. With an emphasis on physical fitness and disease prevention, the facilities will host the first Alexandria Invitational Tournament to **End Obesity Now (EON)**. It is scheduled at the end of the school year in June. It would be great if you, Mrs. Obama and the children could attend.

All schools from the Washington area have been invited to participate and are expected to attend. Both Senator's from Virginia, your friend the Governor Kaine and the former Governor Douglas Wilder, the first African American elected to that office since reconstruction, and of course the Mayor of Alexandria, the entire City Council and School Board will be here. Additionally, many other public servants, including every living former President, are expected to lend there voices to eliminating childhood obesity, including your friend Sen. John McCain.

The new George Washington Complex at Braddock Metro is an all-sports facility. It includes the closest championship level 8-lane track to the White House. It features a state of the art surface and artificial field. Additionally, a 6-lane asphalt track and natural surface track surrounding two adjacent natural grass fields make this a one of a kind project. There are tennis courts, a baseball field, and a beach volleyball court. The basketball court in the school gymnasium will hold a three point shot from half-court for charity. There will be demonstration in every athletic activity from golf to rugby to rowing. It will truly be "sportraordinary".

This George Washington annual festival of sports will someday be viewed as a turning point in the effort to eradicate the insidious degradation of our societies health by obesity. The complex is unique in that it is at the footstep of a metro station, on a bus line, and has ample parking, It recycles the runoff storm water from the parking lot to nourish the beautifully landscaped property. The crowning achievement is that it was constructed with a public / private partnership that is a model and tribute to visionary leadership. Nearly every business in the city participated and it has many educational aspects including its interspersed bronze tributes to every American Commander in Chief .

Mr. President, may I thank you in advance for your attendance. Your participation will give the national health epidemic of childhood obesity the attention it deserves.

Sincerely Yours,

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# The George Washington Sports Complex A Presidential Sports Fitness & Facility

To Swimming Pool, Diving Well & HS Track 1.5 miles

Temporary Bleachers  
Area as Needed

Community  
8-Lane  
Championship  
Track

Basketball  
Court  
& Weight  
Room

Library

Auditorium

Cafeteria

Tennis

Buses

PARKING

Presidential Walk  
(Bronze Plaques)

Bike and Cross Country Path (Connects to GW Parkway)

Artificial  
Turf  
Field  
and  
Asphalt  
Track

Natural  
Grass  
Field  
and  
Cross  
Country  
Track

Beach  
Volleyball

To Simpson  
Baseball  
Field  
& Potomac  
Yards Fields  
0.5 miles