

February 22, 2010

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B
Government of the District of Columbia
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Washington, DC
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Commission 1B:

On behalf of Nathanael Birkan, I am pleased to write this letter of support for the Easter Seals D.C. Child Development Center located at 2800 13th Street NW, 20009, in the Columbia Heights neighborhood. Easter Seals is currently serving up to 80 children daily and would like to expand the center's capacity to serve up to 96 children daily. Their current revitalization project was approved by the Advisory Neighborhood Commission in June 2006 and is nearly completed. However, they are waiting for a new certificate of occupancy that will allow them to serve 16 more children in desperate need of services.

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Nathanael respectfully requests the approval for this component of the expansion initiative.

Sincerely,

Isin Adler (parent)

Cc: Marilyn Ricker

BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT
District of Columbia

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Eboni and I respectfully *requests the approval for this component of the expansion initiative*

Sincerely,



Donna Moore

Cc: Marilyn Ricker

Daniel and Karen Wolff
1419 E Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20002
(202) 396-0860

March 15, 2010

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Dear ANC 1B:

As parents of a 2 y.o. daughter with severe special needs who attends the Easter Seals D.C. Child Development Center located at 2800 13th Street, NW, in Columbia Heights, we want to encourage you to stand behind Easter Seals in its effort to expand the center's daily child service capacity from 80 to 96 children. Our understanding is that ANC 1B supported the current and nearly completed revitalization project back in June 2006, and it would be great if you would lend your support to the center again as it awaits a new certificate of occupancy that will allow it to serve 16 more deserving children.

Since starting at Easter Seals in fall 2009, our daughter has thrived at the center, which provides early childhood education, intervention services, specialized therapies and full-day childcare in an inclusive environment in which children with disabilities learn alongside their typically developing peers. The center also targets underserved populations, including low-income families, families with limited English-language proficiency, single mothers, and children with disabilities in foster care. The inclusiveness and diversity that our daughter finds at Easter Seals is remarkable, and we hope you support the center's current effort to expand its services to an additional 16 children.

Sincerely,

Dan and Karen Wolff

Cc: Kate Jordan-Downs, Director

March 14, 2010

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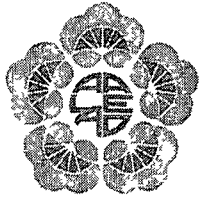
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Antwan and Ebony Washington respectfully *requests the approval for this component of the expansion initiative.*

Sincerely,

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is on the left and the second is on the right.

Cc: Marilyn Ricker



Asian American LEAD

Leadership, Empowerment, and Development for Youth and Families

February 23, 2010

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Sincerely,

Rosetta Lai,
Executive Director

Cc: Marilyn Ricker