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Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Re: The Fishing School, 4720 Meade Street, NE
Board of Zoning Adjustment Application No. 18327

Dear Members of the Board:

This letter is to advise that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7C, at its regularly scheduled public meeting, held December 8, 2011, at which a quorum was present, unanimously voted to support the Application for Special Exception made to the Board of Zoning Adjustment by The Fishing School (TFS).

The Fishing School is planning to build a Family Support Center on a property across the street from its 4737 Meade Street, NE, headquarters. This property was acquired via a donation by a community member who was favorably impressed with the work performed by TFS and by the quality and appearance of the renovation of its headquarters.

The new facility will be two stories and will accommodate administrative functions, as well as parent workshops and activities. It will enable TFS to better serve its existing students and their families.

Because the property is located in an R2 Zoning District, a Child Development Center can operate there only by Special Exception granted by the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

The Commission has observed that The Fishing School contributes positively to the neighborhood and that this Special Exception can be granted without harm to the public good. TFS has had an important presence in the Deanwood area for over 12 years, both architecturally and in terms of the services it provides to its urban neighborhood. In addition, the redevelopment of this currently-blighted property is critical to the continued improvement of Deanwood.

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For all these reasons, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7C supports the Applicant's requests for a Special Exception, which will allow the Applicant to complete this project that is critical to TFS and to Deanwood. The Commission urges the approval by the Board of this Special Exception so that it may proceed forward to the benefit of the community.

Sincerely

Khaliq Elhillali

Khaliq Elhillali, Chair