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DC Board of Zoning Adjustment
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One Judiciary Square
441 4th Street NW, Suite 210S
Washington, DC 20001

Attn: Mr. Clifford Moy, Secretary, BZA
Re: Case # 18335, Washington Ethical Society

Dear Madam Chairman and Members:

I am writing in support of the Washington Ethical Society's renewal application. Wonders Child Care worked closely with WES in 2008 to obtain a BZA adjustment for our leased classroom space. I found the entire staff at WES to be competent, fair-minded and responsible partners.

It was WES' commitment to be a respectful and responsible community partner that helped change the neighborhood's resistance to our child care program operating at that site. WES and Wonders worked with a neighborhood committee to develop a set of guidelines that we all agreed would mitigate the potential traffic impact on the community and ensure the safety of pedestrians. This successful collaboration developed into an ongoing effective relationship that ensured that all parties worked cooperatively and quickly addressed any concerns.

Wonders decided in 2010 that our length of operation at WES would be only for two years. Although we are not the child care provider renewing the application with WES, we completely support the renewal application with the new child care provider. WES has demonstrated its ability to be an effective and responsible neighbor to the community.

Please contact me if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Joanne Hurt
Executive Director

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