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District of Columbia, Board of Zoning Adjustment
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ATTN: Lloyd Jordan, Chairman
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Re: ANC 4A Letter of Support for Board of Zoning Adjustment ("BZA") Application No. 18445
("Application")

Dear Chairman Jordan:

Please accept this letter of support from Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4A ("ANC 4A") for The Little Green Nest's ("Applicant") request for approval for special exception and variance relief pertaining to the proposed expansion of child enrollment in the Applicant's existing child day care center ("Center") from six to twelve children ("Expansion"). The Center is currently located at 1353 Tuckerman Street, N.W., Washington, DC.

Please also note that, during ANC 4A's duly convened and conducted, open community meeting held on October 2, 2012, representatives of the Applicant appeared, presented information and answered questions regarding the Expansion. At the conclusion of that presentation, sitting Commissioners of ANC 4A voted unanimously to (1) authorize Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for single member district 4A05, Marian Bennett, to convene a meeting of representatives of the Applicant and a group of ANC 4A05's residents who had expressed concerns and objections to the Expansion—in an effort to reach agreements on matters of interest to such residents; (2) report the outcome of that meeting; then (3) vote to support or oppose the Application at ANC 4A's November 7, 2012 Meeting. Although the residents expressed their concerns and objections, they refused to discuss entering into any binding agreement with the Applicant until after the BZA's November 13, 2012 hearing on the Expansion ("BZA Hearing"). However, the Applicant agreed to enter into a binding written agreement with ANC 4A, which agreement would be drafted to fairly address certain concerns and objections of the residents. A copy or draft of that agreement will be presented by ANC 4A03 Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner, Stephen Whatley. Commissioner Whatley intends to appear, on behalf of ANC 4A, at the BZA Hearing.

As a follow to ANC 4A's October, 2012 meeting, during ANC 4A's duly convened and conducted, open community meeting held on November 7, 2012 ("Meeting"), sitting Commissioners of ANC 4A voted unanimously in support of the Expansion. Please note that, at the Meeting (A) representatives of the Center, as well as, several residents of homes situated in close proximity to the Center, appeared and presented information and comments and answered questions regarding the Expansion; (B) ANC 4A introduced into the record correspondence in support and in opposition to the Expansion; and (C) ANC 4A provided opportunity for community comment on the matter. During to make a sitting Commissioners of ANC 4A voted unanimously In addition, at the Meeting, several neighbors and supporters of the Project spoke favorably on behalf of the Project; no person in attendance spoke in opposition to the Project.

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Please note that ANC 4A is delivering this letter of support of the Expansion, because the special exceptions and variances requested create no adverse and unacceptable changes in the Applicant's programs, activities or mission as same relates to the provision of daycare services to young children. In addition, in order to address certain of the concerns voiced by residents living in close proximity to the Center, the Applicant has agreed to enter into a legally enforceable agreement, implement certain protections to mitigate traffic congestion and noise, and require parents/guardians of children attending the Center to execute a written agreement to adhere to certain rules, regulations and system of fines. ANC 4A recognizes the need for quality daycare services for its residents and appreciates the Applicant's mission and commitment to its neighboring communities. ANC 4A understands that the Applicant has noticed affected community residents of the Applicant's proposed Expansion. Finally, ANC 4A determined that supporting the Application and Project would be in the best interests of eligible residents of single member districts comprising ANC 4A, as well as, District residents generally.

Please direct any questions regarding this letter to me either by email at dwayne.toliver@dc.gov, or telephone, at 202.527.0545.

Respectfully,

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Chairman, ANC 4A

cc: Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners, ANC 4A