

December 2, 2012

Mr. Lloyd Jordan
Chairperson
District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, Room 220 South
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Chairperson Lloyd:

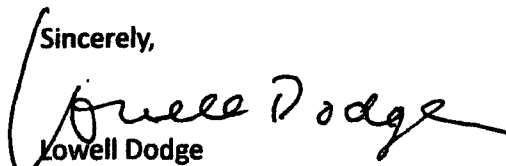
I am writing in strong support of the proposed Life Learning Center that is being developed by Israel Manor, Inc., in the southwestern quadrant of the intersection of Brentwood Road and Saratoga Avenue in northeast DC [Ward 5]. In particular I wish to voice support for the parking variance needed for the new facility.

I believe the new Life Learning Center will present a range of significant opportunities for the Saratoga/Brentwood/Brookland community, including important services that are more readily available in other DC neighborhoods. We are looking forward to enjoying the Center. I plan to take advantage of the gym at the center, and, if a need arises, will seek care at the health clinic planned for the Center.

Critical to the success of the Center is a parking configuration that works for those who will use of the services the Center will provide, and that will also meet the needs of Israel Baptist, and any other prospective users. This configuration requires recognizing that a given parking spot may be used different categories of people at different hours and on different days. I believe that if the Board of Zoning Adjustment says yes, it will be contributing to the vibrancy of the Center and the Church.

I am writing as the head of a nonprofit organization across Rhode Island Avenue and a few blocks up 12th St NE from the new facility. We are in our fifth year at our location, and excited about the many community improvements and increasing amenities being created in the Saratoga/Brentwood/Brookland area. We see the Center as a key part of this progress, and hope you will view it in the same light as you consider the Center's need for parking that works for the Center and others.

Sincerely,


Lowell Dodge
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FREESTONE
1217 EVARTS STREET NE
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December 2, 2012

Mr. Lloyd Jordan
Chairperson
District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, Room 220 South
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Chairperson Lloyd:

My name is Hilary Freestone and I reside at 1217 Street, NE. Though I am not in the same ANC as the proposed Life Learning Center that is being developed by Israel Manor, our home is just over two blocks away and thus have a great interest in the area. This is a letter of support for the parking variance requested for the new facility.

As this area of Ward 5 grows, the community needs supportive services for its residents and neighbors. I strongly advocate for a facility such as this, providing convenient health care, educational opportunities, and recreational programs. I believe the new Life Learning Center will provide a wonderful opportunity for members of the community to enjoy the type of services that are available in other neighborhoods in the District of Columbia. It is something I think would be of great value to all nearby residents.

I would like to thank Board of Zoning Adjustment to considering support for the parking variance in its deliberations.

Sincerely,


Hilary Freestone

December 3, 2012

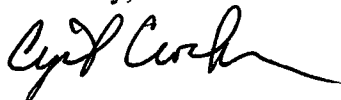
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Dear Chairperson Lloyd:

My name is Cyril Crocker and I live in the Brookland community not far from Israel Baptist Church. As a long time resident of this community, I wish to express my full support for the Life Learning Center and for the parking variance that is being requested.

A recent study by DC Kids Count showed that in the Brookland/Brentwood community, 33% of the children live in poverty. This community also has a large senior population. Both of these groups, as well as the other neighbors will benefit greatly from the health, recreation, cultural and training facilities that are being planned at this site. I encourage you to support this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cyril Crocker', with a stylized, flowing script.

Cyril Crocker

December 1, 2012

Mr. Lloyd Jordan
Chairperson
District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, Room 220 South
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Chairperson Lloyd:

I do not currently reside in Washington DC. I moved out of Ward 5 after not seeing much progress in the neighborhood. However, I continue to attend Israel Baptist Church and I am there many days and nights during the year serving the community in many mission type efforts. I also have family that live in the District and they attend Israel Baptist Church. I am extremely excited about the facility that Israel Baptist Church through its non-profit faith based organization Israel Manor, Inc. is planning to build. The services that they are planning to provide for the community are exactly the type of services that were not available to the community when I lived near the church. People should not have to leave the area in order to take advantage of a state of the art facility that will provide access to health care, recreation, arts and cultural events, and other activity beneficial to the residents and those visiting the community. This facility offers a great opportunity for this community and the City to attract folks like myself back to this area. I hope that you strongly consider the positive attributes of this facility for the youth, adults and seniors and approve the parking variance requested by Israel Manor, Inc.

Thank you in advance for working with Israel Manor to find a solution to the parking issue by granting the parking variance requested for the new Living Life Center.

Sincerely,

Dorothy McKelvin
9700 Dubarry St.
Glenn Dale, MD 20769

December 1, 2012

Janice Hale
4342 Varnum Place, NE
Washington, DC 20017

Mr. Lloyd Jordan
Chairman
DC Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Mr. Jordan:

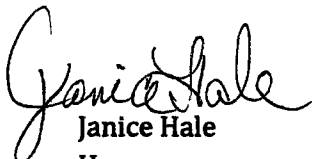
I am a property owner in Ward 5 and I am writing to inform you of my support of the Israel Life Learning Center project.

I want you to know I attended the 5B03 meeting at Israel Baptist Church on last week and that no vote was taken at that meeting to record all the supporters of the project who were present. I want you to know that I support this project because I think it will be beneficial to the community for a lot of reasons. I like the idea that the project will bring state-of-the-art community and health facilities. The project will also produce jobs and job training for local residents and construction contracts for local businesses.

A few neighbors have complained about parking and traffic but I think the shared parking arrangement between Israel Baptist and Unity Health should eliminate any parking and traffic problems.

I urge you to approve this project so it can be built in our community and we can enjoy it.

Sincerely,


Janice Hale
Homeowner

December 2, 2012

Dr. Jacqueline McMorris
4304 10th Street, NE
Washington, DC 20017

Mr. Lloyd Jordan
Chairman
DC Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Mr. Jordan:

Mr. Chairman, members of the Board, I reside at 4304 10th Street NE and have done so for 30 plus years. I have observed the neighborhood change over the many years my husband and I have lived here in Ward 5. This letter is to express my enthusiastic support of the Israel Life Learning Center project.

I support this project because I believe it will create much needed health and community gathering facilities, produce new jobs and economic opportunity for local residents and enable more faith-based led services to be made available to low and moderate income residents of Ward 5 and the District of Columbia.

Please know I attended the SBO3 meeting at Israel on November 29, 2012 and I heard the Single Member District representative speak of opposition to the project. And while two or three persons spoke out about how they did not want this project built, the majority of neighbors in attendance at the meeting were supporters of the project but the Commissioner did not take a vote to get the pulse. With regard to the parking variance issue, because this site is within 1-2 blocks of 5 bus lines and a metro station I do not believe it will create negative traffic or parking problems.

I trust you will approve Israel's variance request so this project can get built for the benefit of our community.

Sincerely,


Dr. Jacqueline McMorris



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May 24, 2012

Mr. John E. Hall, Director
DC Department of Housing
and Community Development
1800 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20020

Re: Israel Life Learning Center

Dear Mr. Hall;

I am pleased to offer this letter of support for the Israel Life Learning Center's request for \$2.75 million in CDBG funding for a project to be built at 1251 Saratoga Avenue, NE. I have been on record in support of this project since 2009 when I joined with seven of my colleagues in a letter to then Mayor Fenty to encourage his support. In addition, it has been my privilege to work successfully with Israel Baptist Church in its effort to obtain interest and penalty relief from property tax at this site.

Community service facilities are a priority of DHCD under the five-year Consolidated Plan. This project advances the goals of the Rhode Island Avenue Great Streets Strategic Plan and the mixed use, transit-oriented Rhode Island Avenue Station project. The project enjoys broad support from residents and political leaders alike.

The Israel Life Learning Center project will serve as a beacon of hope for low and moderate income families with a fairly comprehensive array of "cradle to grave" services located just a block and a half away from the Rhode Island Avenue Metro station and a major employment center. The Center will be anchored by Unity Health Care to provide health services to Ward 5 and District residents.

Israel Manor Inc., the independent development non-profit entity associated with Israel Baptist Church, is a valued and committed member of the community. I strongly support this project as it helps to offer critical community services and programs for low and moderate income residents of Ward 5 in a state-of-the-art facility.

Sincerely,

Phil Mendelson

Cc: Rev. Morris Sherain, Israel Baptist Church
Veronica Harrison, Israel Manor Inc.

December 3, 2012

Alberta Clark
1326 Downing Street, NE
Washington, DC 20018

Mr. Lloyd Jordan
Chairman
DC Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Mr. Jordan:

Mr. Chairman, members of the Board, I reside at 1328 Downing Street NE. My home is located within yards of site for the Israel Life Learning Center, within yards of the Rhode Island Avenue subway station and within the boundaries of Single Member District 5B03. This letter is to express my support of this project.

I believe this project will bring a number of benefits to the Brentwood-Edgewood Brookland community where I live. These benefits would include modern community and health facilities, jobs and job training for local residents and construction contracts opportunities.

With regard to the parking variance issue, because this site is within 1-2 blocks of 5 bus lines and a metro station I do not believe it will create negative traffic problems.

I strongly encourage you to approve Israel's variance request so this project can get built for the benefit of the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alberta Clark".

Alberta Clark