

June 16, 2014

Mr. Richard Nero, Jr.
Deputy Director of Operations
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 – 4th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20011

Dear Mr. Nero:

My name is Mrs. Gayle Brown and I reside at 806 Van Buren St. N.W., which is within 200 feet of the Mana Bilingual Child Daycare, LLC (6524 8th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20012). I have resided at this address since September 1993. I oppose the request for a special exception (Case #18781).

Ms. Kimmel approached me in late March/early April and asked me to write a letter on her behalf regarding the daycare. I had been in the habit of delivering food to the daycare almost since its inception to assist families in need. I have had discussions with Ms. Kimmel and have always been neighborly. I just didn't feel that writing the letter would be a good idea. I therefore did not write the letter. I later found out that she made this request under false pretenses; she did not disclose anything about an increase in the number of staff or children, neither did she mention that she would move out and make this a full fledge Center/school. She tried to get my support without full disclosure. She never mentioned that she owned another daycare or mentioned the fact that she is currently opening another daycare facility on Colorado Avenue. I am certainly at ease about not adhering to her request.

I oppose any increase in the Center's current capacity. I have no issue with the current capacity, even though I note:

- There is already an adverse impact to the amount of traffic;
- There is an increase in debris at this intersection;
- There is an increase in the amount of foot traffic into and around the daycare;
- There is an increase in the number of cars parked outside this home, they already have three cars;
- There would be an even greater diminishment of access to residential parking;
- The play area (especially), yard and screened porch are less than adequately kept (an eyesore, if you will);
- There will be an adverse impact to re-sale property values;
- The parking spaces that she has stated she would use are not all legal parking locations – this would block public rights of way and city services;
- There would be an increase and influx of strangers frequenting the community which would further jeopardize the safety of the residents;
- This would undermine the residents efforts to keep and maintain peace; and

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- This would forever change the zoning of the neighborhood from residential to commercial.

All of these factors represent adverse, considerable change and threatens our community well-being. It is my hope that the outcome would be against such an expansion in this residential community.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at (202) 718-0332. Thank you in advance for your favorable consideration of my opposition.

Sincerely,

— Gayle D. Brown

cc: Fred Grant
ANC 4B03

Ronald Austin
ANC Chairperson

ANC Commissioners