



**BZA Hearing; Ingleside Expansion Project (18898)
Temple Sinai Comments, by Executive Director Ellen E. Agler
January 13, 2015**

Ingleside is our immediate neighbor, and we share a property line that spans the entire length of our campus. Our institutions have enjoyed a positive relationship characterized by having responsive, open communication.

Temple Sinai has also had a cordial relationship with the ANC. We appreciate the time and work Randy Speck has committed to establishing the *Conditions for Approval of Ingleside's BZA Application*. Our institution was treated as a respected stakeholder throughout the planning process for this project, and we appreciate that our input was heard and responded to.

We support the programmatic improvements that Ingleside is seeking to accomplish by their campus redesign. Our concerns relate to the impact that years of construction will have on our temple operations. The *Conditions for Approval* document addresses these concerns, and we hope that the BZA will require adherence to those terms as a part of any approval.

There are five key areas of concern for Temple Sinai that I will mention briefly:

- **Construction Related Parking** – Parking for our temple members, guests and pre-school families is currently a challenge, since our parking lot has limited capacity. During week-day nursery school drop-off and pick-up hours, and at other peak times, access to parking on the surrounding neighborhood streets is necessary. It is very important that there is an enforceable plan that results in having no construction-related parking spilling over on neighborhood streets.
- **Traffic Flow on Military Road** – Access to our main driveway on Military Road is a daily necessity. The alternative entrance is off of a narrow section of Jocelyn Street adjacent to

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the Carnegie Institution The need for restrictions or temporary closures on Military Road near our entrance should be minimized, and advance notification provided so that we can plan to mitigate potential problems with access to our facilities.

- **Construction Related Noise, Dirt and Odors** – We hope that every effort will be made to erect construction barriers along our shared property line and set-up construction staging in a way that minimizes disruption to the experience our members, guests and children have as they move about our campus, both outside and inside
- **Communication** - Pro-active communication with Temple Sinai will be a key to enduring the lengthy construction period in the best way possible Consistently receiving advance notice about when work will be especially noisy or disruptive will provide the opportunity to adjust our schedule if necessary
- **High Holy Days** - We are seeking Ingleside's particular sensitivity to the Jewish High Holy Days each fall We notify them well in advance of our service schedule each year, and ask the District for relief from parking restrictions during this time We hope Ingleside will keep adjacent and surrounding streets accessible, and maintain decorum during these holiest days of the year

In summary, Temple Sinai is supportive of Ingleside's proposed programmatic changes and we support their application if (and only if) our concerns noted above are addressed through the BZA's inclusion in a binding fashion of ANC 3-G's carefully negotiated conditions into the BZA's order approving the application

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this process