



**Government of the District of Columbia
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7C**

June 8, 2015

Lloyd Jordan, Chairperson
District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Re: Rainbow Child Development Center/Crystal Hammond
505 57th Street, NE
Special Exception for Child Development Center (§205)
Variance Relief for Rear Yard Setback (§405)
Variance Relief for Parking (§2100.1)

Dear Mr. Jordan and Members of the Board:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on May 14, 2015, with a quorum of at least 4 of the 7 ANC members present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7C voted 5-0 to recommend approval of Application No. 19002 of Rainbow Child Development Center for (i) special exception relief for a child development center of up to seventy-two (72) children and twelve (12) staff, pursuant to 11 DCMR §205, and (ii) variance relief from the rear yard setback requirement pursuant to 11 DCMR §404.1, as well as variance relief from the three (3)-space parking requirement pursuant to 11 DCMR §2100.1, for the construction of an addition; with the condition that the Applicant meet all required teacher:student ratios for operation of the Center.

The Subject Property is triangle-shaped, with no rear access, and is located on a short dead-end block. The Center has operated for several years without complaint, and it helps to meet a critical demand in ANC 7C and the surrounding area for early childhood development and care. The majority of the children are walked to the Center, and most of the staff either walk or take public transportation. ANC 7C believes that the Applicant meets the requirements for special exception relief under §205.

The Applicant also informed ANC 7C that it was planning on constructing a one-story addition which would require variance relief from the 20-foot rear yard setback and the 3-space parking requirement. ANC 7C believes that the Applicant's property does indeed have a unique condition

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which makes compliance with these Regulations a practical difficulty, and also that granting the requested relief will not cause a substantial detriment to the public good or to the integrity of the Zoning Regulations.

For the above reasons, ANC 7C supports the Application, including the special exception relief and variance relief.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Antawan E. Holmes". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Antawan Holmes
ANC 7C, Chair