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Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustments
441 Fourth Street, NW
Suite 210 South
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

I write to you today to urge you to favorable consider the Jewish Primary Day School's application for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, N.W., which is before the Board of Zoning Judgement. As a nine year resident of Ward 4 (the site of the school) I am convinced that this application is a worthy one which will result in a healthier Shepherd Park neighborhood, a healthier District of Columbia and a healthier D.C. Jewish Community.

I would not write this letter if I was alone in my judgement. The majority of the population of the Jewish Primary Day School is drawn from residents of the District of Columbia. Moreover, many Shepherd Park neighbors, the members of the Oheve Sholom Talmud Torah and Tifereth Israel synagogues and the Reverend Aldridge are all supporting this well conceived application.

I truly believe that the future growth and well being of the District Columbia is directly related to the health and welfare of the D.C. Jewish Community. If we could somehow see into the future ten years and knew that there was a thriving, growing and prosperous Jewish Community in D.C., we could also be reasonably assured that the District itself, its other strong communities, its economy and its city government would also be prospering.

The Jewish Primary Day School is a just the type of asset that will ensure a vibrant D.C. It attracts highly-educated, community-minded families to the District of Columbia. The school itself has been recognized for the quality of its curriculum and its students' performance.

Moreover, I am convinced that this temporary (three year) proposal will have immediate advantages for Ward 4 and the Shepherd Park neighborhood. Timely snow removal, after school programs, joint programs with Shepherd Park Elementary and increased public safety with traffic policing are among the many benefits the school will bring to the neighborhood.

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This proposal is a positive development for everyone involved. I feel confident of the wisdom of this action because the school has gone, and will go, the extra mile to solicit community advice, respond to community concerns and plan accordingly.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ira N. Forman

cc:
Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers-at-Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
Joseph Hairston, Chair ANC 4A