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Ms. Sheila Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, NW Suite 210S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

As new homeowners in the District of Columbia, we are writing to urge the Board of Zoning Adjustment to approve the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capitol's (JPDS-NC) zoning application for its temporary site. Approval of this application is critical to the school's success.

We recently bought a house in the District with the intent of sending our children to JPDS-NC. The existence of the school and it excellent reputation were strong selling points for us as we debated between buying in the city or moving to the Maryland suburbs where other Jewish schools are housed. As the only Jewish school in the District, the existence of the school in the District is crucial to keeping more families like ours in the city.

JPDS-NC understands the concerns of the neighbors in Shepherd Park and has reached out to the community so that issues regarding increased traffic and the overall safety of their children can be addressed in a satisfactory manner. The school understands the importance of being a good neighbor and is fully committed to having ongoing dialogue with its neighbors as the plans for the school develop.

We hope that the BZA will see the importance of this issue and act expeditiously in its decision making process. JPDS-NC needs sufficient time to plan for next year and ensure that the school is ready in September for the start of the 2000-2001 school year. Thank you in advance for considering our views on this very important issue.

Sincerely,

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