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Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chair, Board of Zoning Adjustments
414 fourth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Ms. Reid:

This letter pertains to the pending application before the BZA with respect to the Jewish Primary Day School (JPDS).

As a long term resident of Shepherd Park, I take pride in our neighborhood and the values it represents for the District of Columbia, our chosen city. I also recognize the bona fide concerns of those who have studied this matter, and the possible adverse traffic impacts that have been noted.

From a personal and professional standpoint, having practiced city planning over many years both here and elsewhere in the country and abroad, it seems that some judicious, balanced solution can be achieved to mitigate the movement of cars on arrival and pick up at JPDS while granting the school permission to operate at Ohav Shalom and Tifereth Israel for the coming year.

I see your agency's role as one which can fashion a "win-win" in this case. Surely you will seek to obviate potential problems, but just as certain you will seek accommodating District of Columbia families, a cohort we wish to encourage as our city regains the wholesome and vibrant character it held for most of the past century.

Just as certain, you will recognize that our institutions can and do contribute significantly to the "quality of life" that attracts and retains families with young children. In addition, these very same institutions serve members of our community from all walks of life and age groups, which ---of course---complements the inviting and positive urban life style fostered by the Mayor and Council through the energetic efforts now underway at the municipal level.

Your active role in fashioning a thoughtful outcome in allowing JPDS to proceed will be most welcome. I am confident that you share the broader context of this immediate issue, and will resourcefully ensure a "win-win" outcome.

cc. Honorable Charlene Drew Jarvis

Sincerely,

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District of Columbia
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