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Ms. Sheila Cross Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, N.W. Suite 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Ms. Reid,

I write you regarding the Jewish Primary Day School application for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, N.W. I go on record as supporting the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital application before the Board of Zoning Adjustment. I am a 12 year resident of Washington, D.C., a former ANC Commissioner in Adams Morgan and work in Silver Spring at the DC border, not far from the proposed school. As an active citizen and resident, I am fully committed to the successful development of our city not only as the nation's capital but also as my own adopted home town.

Supporting this application and encouraging a permanent school in the District confirms the diversity of schooling experiences the District should embrace. I understand that in supporting the Jewish Primary Day School, I am joining many of those in Shepherd Park, members of Ohev Shalom Talmud Torah and Tifereth Israel synagogues and Reverend Aldridge.

The Jewish Primary Day School is the only Jewish Day School in the District of Columbia and the school is committed to remaining in the District More than half of the JPDS families are District residents.

The school has been recognized for the quality of its educational curriculum, faculty talent and student performance.

Thus, JPDS is an important component of the education services offered within the District. For all of these reasons, the JPDS should have both this temporary home as well as a permanent home within the District.

The temporary three-year occupancy which the BZA is considering will mean so much to the 180 children who attend JPDS, as well as their families, and to the larger DC community. We should fight to keep this culturally diverse school in the District instead of letting it flea to the suburbs like so many businesses and residents. Thank you for considering approval of this application which will allow the JPDS to remain in the District.

Sincerely,

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