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

RE: APPLICATION 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

We are writing to urge you and the entire Board of Zoning Adjustment to approve the application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7721 Sixteenth Street, NW. JPDS-NA -- The District's only Jewish day school -- deserves a temporary home while the necessary approvals and arrangements are made for a permanent site and the District deserves to keep its only Jewish day school here in the city as it goes through this transitional period.

For nearly ten years we have lived in the District and are deeply committed to this city and urban living. We are in the process of purchasing our first home, which will be right here in Northwest DC. One of the main reasons we are buying a home here is our tie to this city's Jewish community. If JPDS did not exist, we would eventually be forced to move to the suburbs. We know we are not alone in this situation and sincerely hope that this will not have to be the case.

We know you agree that schools and diversity make for good communities and strong cities. We also know that JPDS-NA and the Shepherd's Park community want to be good neighbors and will work hard to overcome any concerns that may exist related to the temporary site.

We sincerely hope that you will approve this application as quickly as possible so that the school may begin moving and preparing for the next school year. Thank you for your time and energy in this matter. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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CC: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis; Councilmembers-at-Large; Andres Altman, Office of Planning

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