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Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustments
414 Fourth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20012

Dear Ms. Reid:

I write in support of the Jewish Primary Day School's (JPDS) Application #16556 before the Board of Zoning Adjustment. JPDS is the only Jewish day school in the District of Columbia and provides an invaluable service to many District residents. It's reputation for educational excellence, committed faculty and student achievement is well known. The loss of this institution to the city would seriously diminish the quality of life for many District families.

JPDS was established in 1987 as an independent school opened to everyone. More than half of the students are district residents. What they seek, a temporary home for a period of 3 years at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street NW, would enable it to find a permanent home in our city—certainly a worthy aim.

The Shepherd Park community will benefit by JPDS's presence through immediate snow removal, after-school programs, cultural exchange programs, increased traffic policing and relationship with JPDS's Community Relations Oversight Board.

Thank you for considering the value of JPDS to the city and approving this application.

Sincerely,

Arna Meyer Mickelson
Executive Director
District of Columbia Jewish Community Center

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Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO.16556
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March 1, 2000

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

Re: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

I am writing to express my strong support for the zoning application submitted by the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capitol, and to urge its approval by the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

As Director of the Temple Sinai Nursery School, I can attest to the importance of having a Jewish day school in the District of Columbia. A number of children who have attended our nursery school, along with children from other families who belong to Temple Sinai, have attended JPDS-NC. In fact, several of our TSNS children have applied to JPDS-NC for kindergarten next year. Without the school, these families would have had no alternative to sending their children outside Washington if they wanted their children to attend a Jewish day school. For some families, this may have meant leaving the city to move to the suburbs.

JPDS-NC provides an excellent Jewish/secular education. The school teaches children the importance of community service and being a good member of any community. It is essential that the school be provided a temporary site until a permanent site is secured. I hope the BZA will give this due weight as it considers the JPDS-NC zoning application.

Sincerely,

Perri Iger-Silversmith
Director

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Ms. Sheila B. Reid
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Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth St. N. W.
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RE: APPLICATION #16556

Dear Ms. Reid.

I was born and raised in the District of Columbia and my wife and I have continued to live in the District. We feel fortunate to be able to live in this city and raise our children in it. While our children do not attend District public schools, we send them to private schools located in this city.

I feel compelled to write this letter to you to show support for and urge your approval of the Jewish Primary day School's application for temporary occupancy at Tifereth Israel and Ohev Shalom Congregations, 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, N.W. It is imperative that the Jewish Primary Day School and it's 180 students have a home and continue to thrive as it plans a more permanent location in the District. The school is striving to work with the surrounding neighbors to minimize the impact the school may have on their neighborhood.

Please feel free to come visit the school and see first-hand what a wonderful school it is. These past twelve years have seen tremendous growth for the school. Please help us to continue to grow and provide our children with an excellent, nurturing education. By being the only Jewish day school in the District of Columbia, many families such as mine who want their children to attend a Jewish day school do not feel the need to move to the suburbs. Thank you for helping us.

Sincerely,

Sidney Moskowitz

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February 28, 2000

Ms. Sheila Cross Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustments
441 Fourth St. NW, Suite 210 S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

I have practiced medicine in the District of Columbia for more than a decade. I am a business owner and an employer. I serve the indigent by participating in the D.C. Medicaid program, as well as by providing *pro bono* care. I am also chief of internal medicine at Columbia Hospital for Women, one of the District's most important medical and social institutions.

Practicing medicine is important to me. But equally important is the education of my children. I have chosen to stay in Washington largely because my children have received an excellent education here, at the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital. I believe that good schools, whether public or private, enhance the livability and viability of Washington.

Washington has a diversity of people and, fortunately, a diversity of schools. This includes one--and only one--Jewish elementary school. I believe that it is imperative for the quality of life and expression of diversity in this city that a Jewish Day School be available for those who choose it.

Therefore, I support and urge you to support and approve the application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nations' Capital for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW. The temporary occupancy is necessary for the survival of the school as it prepares for occupancy of its planned permanent site in the District of Columbia. If the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital does not survive, many students and their parents will move out to Rockville and other suburban locations.

The proposed location is in a neighborhood where the school has always had students residing. Of course, as a minority group, Jews must gather from several neighborhoods to fill a school.

The Jewish Primary Day School is committed to staying in the District of Columbia. I hope that the Board of Zoning Adjustment will recognize that it is in the interest of the city as a whole to support the survival of the school by granting the zoning adjustment requested.

Schools enhance the quality of life in a neighborhood and in a city as a whole. I know that the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital has been sensitive to the needs of prospective neighbors. For example, a respected engineering firm has designed a detailed traffic management plan to keep school traffic off residential streets. Also, the school is planning to invite neighbors to school events and to set up a liaison committee to assure considerate interface with neighbors.

Please approve the application of The Jewish Primary Day School for a zoning adjustment. I also urge you to expedite the decision, so that the school can open on time in September.

Yours truly,

Henry B Fox M.D.

Henry B. Fox, M.D.

cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
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RE: APPLICATION NO. 16556

Ms. Sheila Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, N.W. Suite 220
Washington, D.C. 20001

2/23/00

Dear Ms. Reid:

I have been a resident of the District for 41 years, ever since I was in second grade at Murch Elementary School. I have been a business owner in the District for 7 years. My daughter is now in kindergarten at the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital (JPDS-NC).

This letter is a plea for timely approval of JPDS-NC's application for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, N.W. so that the school can exist next year and continue to provide high quality Jewish education to those who wish to stay in Washington, D.C. JPDS-NC serves 180 children and fully half of the school's families are residents of the District.

The application is only for a three-year temporary site but it is essential to ensure the school's existence until the arrangements for a permanent location are finalized.

JPDS-NC is committed to working with the Shepard Park neighborhood to address concerns regarding traffic, parking and safety. I am positive acceptable plans will be implemented and that the neighborhood will find JPDS-NC a caring and helpful neighbor. (I know that good plans can really work because I live across the street from Aiden Elementary School, around the corner from Oyster Elementary School, and a block away from Maret School which is elementary through high school.)

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Anita Kramer

Anita Kramer
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cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmember at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
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Council Member, Ward 3

Jonathan D. Moreno

26 February 2000

Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
414 Fourth St., NW
Washington, DC 20001

RE: APPLICATION #16556

Dear Ms. Reid,

We have been residents of the District of Columbia for nearly twenty years. Our children have attended schools in the District for the last ten years. We love the city and want to continue to live here and help to make it even better.

Along with the neighbors and members of Tifereth Israel and Ohev Sholom, we are writing this letter in support the application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital for temporary occupancy of 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW. The temporary occupancy at the two existing synagogues would ensure that the school continues to thrive while it plans a permanent District location. We are aware that the impacts on the neighborhood, including traffic, will be minimized.

It is in the interests of the District for the Jewish Primary Day School to remain in the city and to continue to attract families and encourage them to stay here. The school has been and will be a credit to the entire community, and we will grateful for the Board's support in our efforts.

Sincerely,

Leslye S. Fenton and Jonathan D. Moreno

cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
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Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Authority

RE: Application #16556

February 27,2000

Dear Ms. Reid,

As long term residents of the District of Columbia we are writing to urge you to approve the application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital (JPDS-NC) for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 16th Street NW.

We know that JPDS-NC is working very hard to minimize the impact on traffic on 16th street and to work out mutually advantageous relationships with the community. It's important for the BZA to act quickly in order to allow the school to be ready for the next school year. JPDS is very important to us and its ability to continue will greatly affect our decision on whether to continue to live in the District of Columbia. Providing a temporary home as JPDS-NC builds its permanent home is thus important to maintaining high property values in the District.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rachel Ruina / Andrew Bennett

Rachel Ruina and Andrew Bennett

cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
City Council Representative Kathy Patterson

February 28, 2000

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

RE: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

As long-time residents of Washington, and parents of a child attending the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capitol, we are writing to urge the Board of Zoning Adjustment to approve the school's zoning application for a temporary site. The approval is critical to the continued success of this excellent school.

For eleven years, JPDS-NC has provided families in Washington an opportunity to send their children to a Jewish community day school where they receive a very strong education in both Judaics and secular studies. In fact, JPDS-NC is the *only* such school in the city. More than 60 families who reside in Washington rely on this school for their children's education. And, despite the availability of Jewish day schools in suburban Maryland and Virginia, significant number of families who live outside the city have chosen to send their children to JPDS-NC.

There is no question that JPDS-NC attracts and keeps families in Washington. Without the school, many families who want their children to attend a Jewish day school would move to the suburbs where such schools exist. So JPDS-NC should be viewed as critical to the vitality of the city itself.

As JPDS-NC has indicated, the school and the parent body are fully committed to working with the Shepherd Elementary neighborhood to address it concerns regarding traffic, etc. We appreciate the importance being good neighbors, and providing community service to the areas that accomodate schools.

We hope the BZA will consider and approve this application in an expedited fashion to ensure sufficient time for the school to move and reestablish itself so it's ready for the 2000/2001 school year. Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

Ellen Nissenbaum Jeffrey Colman

3047 Oliver St. NW
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cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning

Renee Comet Photography Inc.
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Feb 23, 2000

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

Dear Ms. Reid,

I write to you in support of the application by the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nations Capital (JPDS) for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 16th Street NW. You have pending before the BZA their "Application # 16556" wherein they seek temporary use of the existing space for 3 years at these two locations (located across the street from each other) for purposes of allowing the JPDS day school to survive while it constructs its permanent home.

I am a member of one of the two congregations (Tifereth Israel), a District resident and operator of a business within the district for 15 years. I am joined and supported in my request by other members of the Ohev Sholom and Tifereth Israel congregations (which are located at the addresses in question) as well as Reverend Aldridge, and urge you to expeditiously approve the application as submitted. The school has lost its lease at its current location at Connecticut and Porter Streets NW and needs this application in order to continue to operate while it readies its permanent home. (The school's permanent home will also be in the District.)

The Jewish Primary Day School is the only Jewish day school located in the District of Columbia. It has grown in the District over the past 12 years and is recognized locally and nationally for the quality of its educational programs, curriculum, faculty and student performance. Most important, half of the families who send their children to this school are District residents.

It is both urgent and critical that our day school be granted its application. We are an integrated part of the community on a variety of levels. The presence of our school at these locations is a natural extension of the use and purpose of these congregational facilities, and our location to the neighborhood will enhance rather than detract from the character of that portion of 16th Street.

Without BZA support on this issue, the District risks the loss of an important component of the diversity of the community. My family is committed to the District as resident and as business people in the community. Please vote to allow our school to continue operation at these locations.

Best regards,

Renee Comet
President, Renee Comet Photography Inc.

CC:
Council Chair Cropp
Council members at Large: Brazil, Schwartz, Mendelson, Catania
Council member Evans
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning

Martin Block
3348 Military Rd NW
Washington DC 20015

Feb 23, 2000

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

Dear Ms. Reid,

I write to you in support of the application by the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nations Capital (JPDS) for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 16th Street NW (Ohev Shalom and Tifereth Israel congregations). You have pending before the BZA their "Application # 16556" wherein JPDS seeks temporary use of the existing space for 3 years at these two locations (located across the street from each other) for purposes of allowing the JPDS day school to survive while it constructs its permanent home.

I am a 15 year resident of the District and own and operate a business within the District. I am a member of one of the two congregations affected by this application. I am joined in strong support in this request by other members of the Ohev Sholom and Tifereth Israel congregations as well as Reverend Aldridge, and urge you to expeditiously approve the application as submitted. (The school's permanent home is also slated to be in the District.)

The Jewish Primary Day School is the only Jewish day school located in the District of Columbia. It has grown in the District over the past 12 years and is recognized locally and nationally for the quality of its educational programs, curriculum, faculty and student performance. Most important, half of the families who send their children to this school are District residents.

It is both urgent and critical that our day school be granted its application. We are an integrated part of the community on a variety of levels. The presence of our school at these locations is a natural extension of the use and purpose of these congregational facilities, and our location to the neighborhood will enhance rather than detract from the character of that portion of 16th Street.

Without BZA support on this issue, the District risks the loss of an important component of the diversity of the community. We are committed to the district as a family, and as business people in the community. Please vote to allow our school to continue operation at these locations.

Best regards,

Martin Block

Martin Block

Cc:
Council Chair Cropp
Council members at Large: Brazil, Schwartz, Mendelson, Catania
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
Council Member Patterson

Lisa and Mitchell Eisen
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Washington, DC 20015

February 28, 2000

Ms. Sheila Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, NW
Suite 220
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

As long time residents of the District of Columbia, we are committed to maintaining excellent educational opportunities for all residents of the city. Therefore, we are writing on behalf of the Jewish Primary Day School's application for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW.

As you know, this school -- the only Jewish day school in the nation's capital -- is seeking a permanent home in the district. However, until the permanent site is completed, the school requires a temporary location, which Tifereth Israel and Ohev Shalom synagogues have graciously agreed to provide. The approval of the JPDS-NC zoning application is critical to ensure the continuation and smooth transition of our school to a temporary site, and it is important that the decision be taken as soon as possible to allow sufficient time for the school to be ready for the coming academic year.

Please be assured the JPDS-NC is committed to working with the Shepherd Park neighborhood to minimize the traffic impact and to offer programs and facilities that will benefit the community.

Our school helps keep families who want to provide their children with a quality Jewish education in Washington, DC rather than having to move to the suburbs. For families like us, JPDS is the only option in the District of Columbia.

We sincerely hope you will help ensure that the 180 children who attend JPDS will have a school in the city next year and well into the future. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lisa Eisen

cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning

Marjorie B. Foley
2480 16th St. NW #209
Washington, D.C. 20009
March 1, 2000

Ms. Sheila Cross Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustments
441 Fourth St. NW, Suite 210 A
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

I live on 16th St. Washington has a diversity of people and, fortunately, a diversity of schools. This includes one--and only one--Jewish elementary school. I believe that it is imperative for the quality of life and expression of diversity in this city that a Jewish Day School be available for those who choose it.

Therefore, I support and urge you to support and approve the application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nations' Capital for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW. The temporary occupancy is necessary for the survival of the school as it prepares for occupancy of its planned permanent site in the District of Columbia. If the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital does not survive, many students and their parents will move out to Rockville and other suburban locations.

The proposed location is in a neighborhood where the school has always had students residing. Of course, as a minority group, Jews must gather from several neighborhoods to fill a school.

The Jewish Primary Day School is committed to staying in the District of Columbia. I hope that the Board of Zoning Adjustment will recognize that it is in the interest of the city as a whole to support the survival of the school by granting the zoning adjustment requested.

Schools enhance the quality of life in a neighborhood and in a city as a whole. I know that the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital has been sensitive to the needs of prospective neighbors, as well as those

like myself who live a little farther down 16th St. For example, a respected engineering firm has designed a detailed traffic management plan to keep school traffic off residential streets. Also, the school is planning to invite neighbors to school events and to set up a liaison committee to assure considerate interface with neighbors.

Fair is fair. Please approve the application of The Jewish Primary Day School for a zoning adjustment. I also urge you to expedite the decision, so that the school can open on time in September.

Yours truly,

Marjorie B. Foley

Marjorie B. Foley

cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis

Councilmembers at Large

Andrew Altman, Office of Planning

SY FRENKEL, PH.D.
CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST
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February 29, 2000

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

Re: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms Reid:

As a participant in the Real Estate business in the District of Columbia and for many years a landlord, I would like to express to the Board of Zoning Adjustment my support regarding the application of the Jewish Primary Day school of the National Capital (JPDS-NC) to locate on 16th Street, NW. I am also writing as a grandparent of two children in this school.

Let me point out that an incorrect perception was formed by the neighborhood regarding the school: It is a small school with total of 60 families whose children attend the school. The majority is District of Columbia residents and a handful from the suburbs. This is a very serious academic school, and the students are very focused on the studies and will only be an asset to any neighborhood.

While we appreciate the neighborhood's concern, we want to assure them that the overall impact of this school on the neighborhood will be a positive addition to the neighborhood for the following reasons: Outstanding schools contribute to making a neighborhood and a city thrive. They attract young families with children who want to live in the city and to provide their children with Jewish and secular education. JPDS-NC is an essential part of the alternative to the flight to the suburbs, and should be part of an effective urban plan for a livable city.

It is an advantage for a neighborhood as well as the city as a whole, to have a school that contributes in a most constructive way to the quality of life and diversity in the city.

I hope the board of Zoning Adjustment will consider and approve this application. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sy Frenkel, Ph.D

Cc: Council Chair Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers At Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning

Orit Frenkel
3054 Davenport St. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

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

February 28, 2000

RE: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

As long-time resident of Washington, and the parent of a child attending the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capitol, I am writing to urge the Board of Zoning Adjustment to approve the school's zoning application for a temporary site. The approval is critical to the continued success of this excellent school.

There is no question that JPDS-NC attracts and keeps families in Washington. Without the school, many families who want their children to attend a Jewish day school would move to the suburbs where such schools exist. JPDS-NC should be viewed as critical to the vitality of the city itself.

For eleven years, JPDS-NC has provided families in Washington an opportunity to send their children to a Jewish community day school where they receive a very strong education in both Judaics and secular studies. In fact, JPDS-NC is the *only* such school in the city. More than 60 families who reside in Washington rely on this school for their children's education.

As JPDS-NC has indicated, the school and the parent body are fully committed to working with the Shepherd Elementary neighborhood to address it concerns regarding traffic, etc. We appreciate the importance being good neighbors, and providing community service to the areas that accommodate schools.

We hope the BZA will consider and approve this application in an expedited fashion to ensure sufficient time for the school to move and reestablish itself so it's ready for the 2000/2001 school year. Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely,

Orit Frenkel
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Washington, D.C. 20008

cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning

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February 25, 2000

Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 [redacted] Fourth Street, NW Suite 220
Washington, DC 20001

RE: APPLICATION #16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

We have lived and worked in the District of Columbia for almost twenty years. Our children have attended schools in the District for ten years, and we have been active members of neighborhood, community and civic associations.

We write in support of the application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital (JPDS-NC) for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, N.W. JPDS-NC has been growing and thriving as the only Jewish day school in the District of Columbia for almost thirteen years. Its dedication to remaining within the District has led many families to remain residents here as well, and has contributed importantly to the richness and diversity of our city. The school's temporary occupancy at these two sites in Shepherd Park will insure that JPDS-NC will be able to remain an anchor for Jewish families in Washington, D.C. while the school plans and builds a permanent home in the District. We have utmost confidence in the commitment of the school and its families to work with the Shepherd Park neighborhood to address any concerns they have regarding traffic, safety, and other issues.

We urge the Board of Zoning Appeal to consider the application of JPDS-NC favorably and expeditiously to allow the school sufficient time to make its temporary quarters ready for the opening of the 2000-2001 school year.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Renee R. Matalon and Stephen H. Marcus

cc: Council Member Charlene Drew Jarvis
Council Member Kathy Patterson
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February 28, 2000

Ms. Sheila Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth St. N.W., Suite 210S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

I am an owner of Banner & Witcoff, a District of Columbia law firm, where I have worked for over 15 years. My children have attended school in the District of Columbia for the past seven years. I believe that good schools, whether public or private, enhance the livability and viability of Washington.

I support and urge you to support and approve the application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW. The temporary occupancy is necessary for the survival of the school as it prepares for occupancy of its planned permanent site in the District of Columbia.

The Jewish Primary Day School is committed to staying in the District of Columbia. I hope that the Board of Zoning Adjustment will recognize that it is in the interest of the city as a whole to support the survival of the school by granting the zoning adjustment requested. Inhospitableness of residential neighborhoods to schools is short sighted. Schools are magnets which draw people to buy homes in a community. The community would do well to utilize any magnets it has at its disposal.

Please approve the application of The Jewish Primary Day School for a zoning adjustment.

Yours truly,

Sarah A. Kagan

Sarah A. Kagan

cc: Council Member Charlene Drew Jarvis
Council Members at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning

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March 1, 2000

Ms. Sheila Cross Reid
Chair, Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Re: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid,

We have been residents in the District of Columbia for more than 10 years. Our daughter has attended pre-school and primary school in the District for the past 6 years. We love this city and would like to continue to live here and help it thrive.

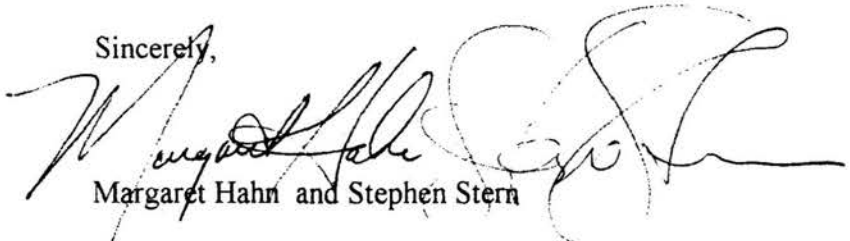
We join the neighbors and members of Tifereth Israel and Ohev Sholom in writing this letter to show out support and urge you to approve the application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, N.W. This temporary occupancy, at these two existing synagogues, will insure that the Jewish Primary Day School continues to thrive as it plans and builds a permanent location in the District.

The school is doing everything it can to minimize the impact of the school, and traffic in particular, on the surrounding neighborhood and is committed to working with the Shepherd Park neighborhood to address those concerns on an ongoing basis. It is important for the BZA to expedite its decision on this application to allow sufficient time for the school to be ready for classes in September of 2000.

For the last twelve years, the Jewish Primary Day School has become a magnet for District families looking for an excellent school and a more intensive Jewish education. Of the 180 children fully half of the school's families are D.C. residents. This is the only Jewish day school in the District of Columbia and its tremendous growth over the last decade is a clear indication that we need to keep it here or we will lose these families, as we have in the past, to suburban Maryland and Virginia.

We thank you for helping to make this to happen.

Sincerely,



Margaret Hahn and Stephen Stern

Cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning

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1 March 2000

Ms. Sheila Reid
Chair, Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, NW - Suite 220
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid,

We have been homeowners in the District of Columbia for over 20 years. Our children are both native Washingtonians. We love this city and take pride in its growth and progress.

We join the neighbors and members of Tifereth Israel and Ohev Shalom in writing this letter to show our support and urge you to approve the application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital (JPDS) for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW. This temporary occupancy, at these two existing synagogues, will insure that JPDS continues to thrive as it plans and builds a permanent location in the District. The school is doing everything that it can to be good neighbor and benefit the surrounding community, including after school programs, joint programs with Shepherd Elementary School, increased public safety with traffic policing, cultural exchange programs, immediate snow removal and a community relations oversight board.

For the past twelve years, JPDS has become a magnet for District families looking for an excellent school and an intensive Jewish education. This is the only Jewish day school in the District and its growth and success over the last decade are a clear indication that we need to keep it here. We thank you for helping to make this so.

Sincerely,

Joanna Rom and Steve Goldberg

cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large
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Washington, DC 20015

Ms. Sheila Reid
Chair, Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street NW, Suite 220
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

We have owned our home in the District of Columbia for eighteen years. When we returned in 1997 from a tour of government service abroad, we were thankful to find the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital, an excellent school which has provided our two children with the intensive Jewish education we sought for them.

As our school makes plans for a new permanent location in DC, temporary relocation has proven necessary. That is why we urge the Board's approval of the JPDS-NC zoning application referenced above. It is important for the BZA to expedite its decision to allow sufficient time for the school to prepare for the coming academic year. The school, meanwhile, is committed to work with the Shepherd Park neighborhood to address its concerns now, and in the future. Furthermore, the school's development of a variety of programs and services will make its presence in the neighborhood mutually beneficial.

We thank you for your consideration of this matter which is of such great importance to us and the many other families who are committed to this school's survival in the District of Columbia.

Sincerely,

Sarah Hyams and Robert Hyams

cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmember Kathy Patterson
Councilmembers At Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning

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Ms. Sheila Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth St., NW, Suite 220
Washington, D.C. 20001

RE: APPLICATION NO.16556

Dear Ms. Reid,

We have been residents of the District of Columbia for close to 14 years. We love this city and would like to continue to live here, educate our children here, and help the city thrive.

We join the neighbors and members of Tifereth Israel and Ohev Sholom in writing this letter to show our support and urge you to approve the application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the National Capital for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW. This temporary occupancy, at these two existing synagogues, will insure that the Jewish Primary Day School continues to thrive as it plans and builds a permanent location in the District. This temporary site is needed for three years. The approval of the JPDS-NC zoning application is critical to ensure the continuation and smooth transition of our school to a temporary site. It is important for the BZA to expedite its decision on this application to allow sufficient time for the school to be ready for the next school year. The school is doing everything it can to minimize the impact of the school, and traffic in particular, on the surrounding neighborhood.

For the last 12 years, the Jewish Primary Day School has become a magnet for District families looking for an excellent school and a more intensive Jewish education. JPDS-NC serves 180 children; fully half of the school's families are D.C. residents. The location of the temporary home at the two Synagogues is central to the homes of the vast majority of our families. This is also the only Jewish day school in the District of Columbia and its tremendous growth over the last decade is a clear indication that we need to keep it here. We thank you for helping this to happen.

Sincerely,

Tracey M. Orloff and Peter C.L. Timmons

Cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large
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City Council representative, Kathy Patterson

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March 2, 2000

Sheila Cross Reid, Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
Government of the District of Columbia
One Judiciary Square, Suite 210
441 Fourth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

We are attorneys who have lived, owned a house, and paid taxes in the District since 1983, and have been parents since 1987. In early 1995, we were strongly considering moving out of the District because of our dissatisfaction with the D.C. public school system, to which our older daughter, then in second grade, had been entrusted since kindergarten. But we have not moved, and have no plans to move. The reason for this is the Jewish Primary Day School. Our older daughter graduated from JPDS last June, our middle child now attends 4th grade there, and we hope to enroll our youngest in kindergarten there this fall.

Until this past year, JPDS was a part of Adas Israel Congregation. However, the School became independent this past summer, and this coming summer Adas Israel will be reclaiming the space presently occupied by the School for other uses. The School has not yet secured property for or sufficient funds to construct a permanent facility at a new location, and therefore is seeking approval from the BZA pursuant to Application No. 16556 to relocate for a three-year period in two synagogues on 16th Street, Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah Congregation at 7712 16th Street, NW and Tifereth Israel Congregation at 7701 16th Street, NW. We urge the BZA to give expeditious and favorable consideration to the School's application.

JPDS is an extraordinary institution. The students know it, the parents know it, the faculty knows it. We want our younger children educated there. We would be very disappointed were the D.C. government to take actions that force it to shut down or to relocate outside of the City. As a former headmistress yourself, you appreciate the importance of schools to their communities. While we are aware that some members of the Shepherd Park and Colonial Village communities do not welcome what they seem to perceive as the intrusion of another school into their neighborhood, we do not imagine that the BZA has ever received a zoning application for a school that did not engender some degree of local anxiety and opposition. We understand that D.C. law contemplates the location of schools in residential neighborhoods. Having a

presumption in favor of location of schools in residential neighborhoods is surely sound public policy. Without good schools for its children, the District cannot thrive.

JPDS, and Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah and Tifereth Israel Congregations, are committed to work with the community to mitigate and to offset any inconveniences that the School might bring with it. If there is a need for flexibility, we are sure that that flexibility is there. For example, the application before you provides for 205 students, 14% greater than current enrollment at JPDS, and 32 staffers. Because of the need to file an application in time to secure a hearing date in March, these figures were arrived at prior to conducting traffic studies or commencing neighborhood consultations. We sincerely hope that the School's application is not denied outright in circumstances where minor adjustments could overcome any well-founded objections. However, we emphasize that time is of the essence, so an iterative, "back to the drawing board" process is not an option for the School.

JPDS is an asset to the District. We believe that it will also prove to be an asset to Shepherd Park and Colonial Village during the time that it operates there. Susan Koss, the head of JPDS, has said that she expects that, when the time comes for the School to leave its temporary 16th Street home, there will be sadness, because the School will have had some very good times there. We fully expect that, when that time comes, many neighbors of Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah and Tifereth Israel will also regret the departure of an institution that they had come to appreciate and admire.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Ben Finkelstein

Anita J. Finkelstein

cc: Council Chair Linda W. Cropp
Councilmember Harold Brazil
Councilmember David A. Catania
Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmember Phil Mendelson
Councilmember Kathleen Patterson
Councilmember Carol Schwartz
Andrew Altman, Director, Office of Planning

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Ms. Sheila Cross Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustments
441 Fourth St. NW, Suite 210 A
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

I have lived in the District of Columbia for 86 years. Children and schools have always been important to this city. Washington has a diversity of people and, fortunately, a diversity of schools. This includes one--and only one--Jewish elementary school. I believe that it is imperative for the quality of life and expression of diversity in this city that a Jewish Day School be available for those who are.

I support and urge you to support and approve the application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nations' Capital for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW. The temporary occupancy is necessary for the survival of the school as it prepares for occupancy of its planned permanent site in the District of Columbia. If the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital does not survive, many students and their parents will move out to Rockville and other suburban locations.

The proposed location is in a neighborhood where the school has always had students residing. Of course, as a minority group, Jews must gather from several neighborhoods to fill a school. The Jewish Primary Day School is committed to staying in the District of Columbia. I hope that the Board of Zoning Adjustment will recognize that it is in the interest of the city as a whole to support the survival of the school by granting the zoning adjustment requested.

I believe that schools enhance the quality of life in a neighborhood and in a city as a whole. I know that the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital has been sensitive to the needs of prospective neighbors. For example, a respected engineering firm has designed a detailed traffic management plan to keep school traffic off residential streets. Also, the school is planning to invite neighbors to school events and to set up a liaison committee to assure considerate interface with neighbors.

Please approve the application of The Jewish Primary Day School for a zoning adjustment. I also urge you to expedite the decision, so that the school can open on time in September.

Yours truly,

Marie Cooke

Marie Cooke

cc: Council member Charlene Drew Jarvis
Council members at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning

March 1, 2000

Ms. Sheila Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, NW Suite ~~210S~~ 220
Washington, D.C. 20001

RE: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

As long-time residents of Washington, and parents of a child attending the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capitol (JPDS-NC), we are writing to urge the Board of Zoning Adjustment to approve the school's zoning application for a temporary site. The approval is critical to the continued success of this excellent school.

For eleven years, JPDS-NC has provided families in Washington an opportunity to send their children to a community school where they receive a very strong education in both Judaic and secular studies. In fact, JPDS-NC is the *only* such school in the city. More than 60 families who reside in Washington rely on this school for their children's education. And, despite the availability of Jewish day schools in suburban Maryland and Virginia, a significant number of families who live outside the city have chosen to send their children to JPDS-NC. In our view, the presence of the school in Washington enhances the city's vitality generally, and as a center of Jewish cultural life.

As JPDS-NC has indicated, the school and the parent body are fully committed to working with the Shepherd Elementary neighborhood to address its concerns regarding traffic and other issues. We appreciate the importance of being good neighbors and providing community service to the areas that accommodate schools.

We hope the BZA will consider and approve this application in an expedited fashion to ensure sufficient time for the school to move and reestablish itself so that it can be ready for the 2000-2001 school year. Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

Julia Paradise

Julia Paradise

Emanuel Thorne

cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning

ANN F. COHEN & JONATHAN D. STRUM
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29 February 2000

Ms. Shelia Reid, Chair
Board of Zoning Appeals
441 Fourth St. NW, Suite 210S
Washington, DC 20001

RE: APPLICATION NO. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

I am writing in support of the Jewish Primary Day School's application for a temporary site for the school in Shepherd Park. My husband and I have lived in Washington for 25 years. It is our home, we went to graduate school here, we married here and we have had our children here. We affirmatively choose to live in the city because we believe in cities and want to support a thriving city environment.

We had our children later than most, so while we have lived in the city for 25 years as adults, our children are too young for elementary school at this time. When the time comes, our children will attend JPDS if it has a home in the city. Without a Jewish Day School of the caliber of JPDS in the city we will, after 25 years, be forced to leave the city and move to a place where we can obtain a quality Jewish education for our children. My husband grew up in Israel, his family lives there and it is important to us that our children receive the 'dual' education offered by JPDS.

My husband and I have supported DC schools through property taxes, mentoring, clean ups in our neighborhood schools and in other ways. We have been the beneficiary of the city services most notably when our house had a major fire and our baby and home were saved by the cities finest firefighters. In addition, as an employer of 1200 people in this city from 1994 to October of this year, when I became a private consultant, my office adopted a DC School - Walker Jones Elementary, at K and First Street NW. Literally hundreds of my employees, including myself, mentored, coached basketball, raised money, flipped pancakes and more to support Walker Jones Elementary.

We tell you all this to let you know we believe in DC, its communities, its future, its success, and indeed, its renaissance. It is critical that this city, in every neighborhood, accept a broader and diverse constituency. We believe the city should adopt as part of its vision the commitment to accommodate the positive aspects of growth across a wide spectrum. We believe the application of JPDS will bring to Shepherd Park a broader and more diverse constituency, yet one that works in harmony with Shepherd Park. I know the JPDS is committed to solving concerns such as traffic, congestion and safety. I urge the BZA to allow this working together to proceed and do something really good for DC and many committed families at the same time. This city is at its best when it accepts that which is good and works to accommodate. That is precisely the situation faced by the JPDS application presented to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Without a temporary home, the JPDS will be unable to continue its tradition, and families, including mine, will be forced to leave the city after living in it and believing in it for so long.

We urge you to act fast, to give security to the parents, children, teachers and staff so that that may plan the next year and assure this community that JPDS is "open for school". The school must be able to focus on its long term plans, and build for next year's temporary status and continue the central critical mission of education. Please approve this application now, do not let this process drag out – let Shepherd Park and JPDS begin the process of building together and creating a partnership that works to accommodate. Let us learn from one another and give all DC residents reason to be proud that this city put accommodation at the forefront.

Sincerely,

Ann Cohen and Jonathan Strum

Cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large
Mr. Andrew Altman, Office of Planning

Rabbi Marc D. Israel
Abbey Gayle Frank
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Washington, DC 20008

March 5, 2000

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,

Abbey Frank

Marc Israel

4431 35th St., NW
Washington, DC 20008

Cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large

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March 8, 2000
Ms. Shelia Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, N.W. Suite 220
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid,

I write to voice my support for the application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital (JPDS-NC) for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, N. W. (Ohev Shalom and Tifereth Israel Congregations).

Now pending before the BZA is Application No. 16556, in which JPDS-NC seeks a special exception for temporary use of existing space for three years at these two locations, directly across the street from one another, which will make it possible for JPDS-NC to continue educating young children while it constructs a permanent home elsewhere in the District of Columbia.

I have owned and operated a business in the District of Columbia for more than twenty-five years. My family and I are congregants at one of the synagogues involved in this application. I am joined in strong support of this application by other members of Tifereth Israel and Ohev Shalom congregations, as well as other religious, business and community leaders and citizens, and urge you to act favorably and expeditionsly, and to approve the application as submitted.

JPDS-NC is the only Jewish day school located in the District of Columbia. It has grown and thrived in Washington, D. C. over the past thirteen years and is recognized locally and nationally for the quality of its educational programs, curriculum, faculty and student performance. Significantly, half of the families who send their children to this school are D. C. residents. Also important is the school's commitment to equal opportunity for students and staff; although this is a religious school, it is a multi-racial and multi-ethnic school as well. JPDS-NC is an educational institution which contributes to the cultural diversity and richness of our city; it is a part of the fabric of this city. JPDS-NC is a resource for many Jewish families who choose to make their homes in the District of Columbia and also wish to provide their children with an

JPDS-ND will strive to be a considerate and respectful neighbor. I have utmost confidence in the commitment of the school's administrators, teachers and families to work with the neighbors in Shepard Park to address their concerns about traffic, safety and other issues.

It is critical to the continued existence of JPDS-ND that its application be granted. The presence of the school at the Sixteenth Street locations is a natural extension of the use and purpose of these congregational facilities situated on a major traffic artery, and its location in the neighborhood will enhance rather than detract from the character of the upper Sixteenth Street area. Indeed, JPDS-NC is an asset to the Dixtrict of Columbia as a whole, as it is an important component of the diversity and educational excellence of the community. I urge the BZA to vote favorably and expeditiously to allow JPDS-NC the three year temporary occupancy it has requested.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Alan M. Pensler
President

cc. Council Member Charlenen Drew Jarvis
Coucil members at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
U. S. Representative Eleanor Holmes Norton

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March 9, 2000

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

RE: APPLICATION #16556

Dear Ms. Reid,

As a homeowner who has lived in the District for eight years now, I am writing to strongly urge the Board of Zoning Adjustment to approve the zoning application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capitol (JPDS-NC) for a temporary site at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW, until its permanent home in the District is established.

The approval of this zoning application is crucial to the continued success, tremendous growth, and academic excellence of JPDS-NC, which is the only Jewish day school in the District. It is exactly the presence of a resource like JPDS-NC that will attract professionals with children to the District and encourage those like myself to remain here.

A quick approval of this application will permit a smooth transition for JPDS-NC and the families of its 180 students, half of which reside in the District. Both now and in the future, it is clear that JPDS-NC and its staff will continue to do everything possible to work with the surrounding community to minimize the impact of traffic and maximize safety.

I am hopeful that the Board of Zoning Adjustment will approve this application as quickly as possible, and thank you for considering my views on this important matter.

Sincerely,

David A. Harris

CC: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning

Joseph Berman
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March 8, 2000

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

Re: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid,

I have been a resident of the District of Columbia since 1975. As a parent of a child attending the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nations Capital (JPDS-NC) I ask that you approve the application of JPDS-NC for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 16th St., NW.

JPDS-NC is the only Jewish Day School in the District of Columbia. Over half of the families of our 180 students reside in the District. The very survival of our school is dependent on your approval of our application for a temporary site. Furthermore, because of renovation needs to accommodate us at the temporary sites, I ask that the approval process be as timely as possible.

JPDS-NC is committed to working with the Shepherd Park neighborhood to address their concerns regarding traffic, safety, etc.

Our school helps keep families in Washington, DC. People who want their children to have a Jewish education, want their school to be local. We believe our school is a quality educational institution with a great curriculum, faculty and student body. Furthermore, the values our school teaches and practices, is a benefit to any community.

Please approve our application. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joseph Berman

c: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
Councilmember Kathy Patterson

March 6, 2000

Ms. Sheila Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth St., N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

RE: APPLICATION #16556

Dear Ms Reid:

I am writing to urge the 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 7712 Sixteenth St., N.W. This temporary location will ensure that JPDS-NC continues to thrive as it plans and builds a permanent home in the District.

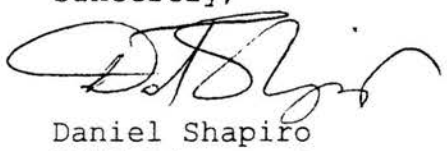
My wife and I recently bought a home in the District of Columbia after six years of living in the Maryland suburbs. We did so because we want to be part of the growth and rejuvenation of this wonderful city. We also made the move because of our commitment to sending our children, the first of whom is due in a matter of weeks, to the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital.

JPDS-NC is a treasure: a warm, welcoming, civic-minded institution that provides Washington families an opportunity to send their children to a Jewish community day school, where they receive a strong education in both Jewish and secular subjects. There is no question that JPDS-NC attracts and keeps families in Washington. We are a prime example, and we have many peers of whom the same can be said. Were it not for this school, many families who seek this sort of educational opportunity for their children would leave for the suburbs, to the city's detriment.

The board and parent body of JPDS-NC have committed themselves to working with the Shepherd Park neighborhood to address all of its concerns, especially those involving traffic. With the BZA's approval, the school will be a valued, responsible member

of the community, and will continue its vital role in making this city so strong. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
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Susan L. Piggott
Director

March 3, 2000

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

Re: Application No. 16556 (Jewish Primary Day School)

Dear Ms. Reid:

I strongly urge you to approve the zoning application submitted by the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capitol.

I am the director of the National Child Research Center (NCRC), a pre-school of 192 students. One of my primary responsibilities is advising parents concerning kindergarten and elementary school placements. As an educator, I believe that it is important for families to have a broad choice of schools available, so that they can find a school that meets their child's needs, and reflects their values.

Fortunately, parents in the District of Columbia currently have a broad choice of schools to which to send their children. While many NCRC children go on to public and independent schools, several continue at denominational schools, such as Sidwell Friends', St. Patrick's, Blessed Sacrament, St. Ann's, and Our Lady of Victory. NCRC has also had four children go to the Jewish Primary Day School, and a fifth has applied to JPDS for next year. **Without JPDS, families in our school who seek Jewish education for their children within a reasonable distance of their homes would have no place to go. I hope the BZA will value the importance of maintaining a diversity of educational options in the District of Columbia as it considers JPDS's zoning application.**

I also want to bring to the BZA's attention NCRC's experience with traffic management on a quiet neighborhood street in Cleveland Park. The vast majority of our students travel to school in cars. By educating our parent body, using staff resources for enforcement, and keeping in close contact with neighbors, we ensure that our carpool line does not block neighbors' driveways and does not obstruct both lanes of our narrow street; that NCRC staff and parents park legally; and that any problems are quickly resolved. I am confident that JPDS's traffic management plan will do likewise. **The solution to school-neighborhood traffic issues is to work out the problems, as NCRC has, and as I am sure JPDS will, because overall, schools benefit our neighborhoods and our city.**

I hope the BZA will approve JPDS's application. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Susan L. Piggott

Susan L. Piggott
Director

cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmember Kathy Patterson
Councilmembers at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning

3108 19th St. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20010
March 8, 2000

Ms. Sheila Cross Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustments
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Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

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The proposed location is in a neighborhood where the school has always had students residing. Of course, as a minority group, Jews must gather from several neighborhoods to fill a school.

The Jewish Primary Day School is committed to staying in the District of Columbia. I hope that the Board of Zoning Adjustment will recognize that it is in the interest of the city as a whole to support the survival of the school by granting the zoning adjustment requested.

Schools enhance the quality of life in a neighborhood and in a city as a whole. I know that the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital has been sensitive to the needs of prospective neighbors, as well as those of us who live a little farther down 16th St. For example, a respected engineering firm has designed a detailed traffic management plan to keep school traffic off residential streets. Also, the school is planning to set up a liaison committee to assure considerate interface with neighbors.

Please approve the application of The Jewish Primary Day School for a zoning adjustment. I also urge you to expedite the decision, so that the school can open on time

in September.

Yours truly,

Roderick A. Avery

cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning

March 4, 2000

Ms. Sheila Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth St., N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

RE: APPLICATION #16556

Dear Ms Reid:

I am writing to urge the 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 7712 Sixteenth St., N.W. This temporary location will ensure that JPDS-NC thrives as it plans and builds a permanent home in the District.

After six years in Montgomery County, my husband and I bought a home in the District of Columbia after six years of living in the Maryland suburbs. We are excited about the prospects of helping the District continue its remarkable turnaround. We also made the move because we plan to send our children to the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital, where I have taught for seven years.

JPDS-NC provides Washington families an opportunity to send their children to a Jewish community day school, where they receive a strong education in both Jewish and secular subjects. There is no question that JPDS-NC attracts and keeps families like us in Washington. The city needs institutions like this.

The board and parent body of JPDS-NC have committed themselves to working with the Shepherd Park neighborhood to address all of its concerns, especially those involving traffic. With the BZA's approval, the school will be a valued, responsible member of the community, and will continue its vital role in making this city so strong. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Julie R. Fisher

Julie R. Fisher
5176 Linnean Terrace, N.W.
Washington, DC 20008

cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning



March 8, 2000

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

Re: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid,

I am writing to express my strong support for the zoning application submitted by the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capitol and to urge its approval by the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

As Director of the Adas Israel Gan HaYeled Nursery School, each year I have seen a large number of our graduating students enroll in JPDS-NC. JPDS-NC provides an excellent Jewish and secular education. The staff and parent body are committed to instilling strong values including a strong emphasis on community outreach. It is a wonderful place where children can receive an education that will help them become productive members of our society.

Families enrolling in JPDS-NC want and deserve a Jewish day school here in the District of Columbia. Without JPDS-NC, families will either have to choose to forgo a Jewish day school education or travel long distances to provide such an education. For some families, this would probably mean moving out of the District and into one of the surrounding suburbs.

Thus, it is essential, for these families and for the District of Columbia, that JPDS-NC be provided a temporary site until a permanent site is secured. I hope that the BZA in considering the JPDS-NC zoning application understands the significance for the community. I trust it will make a fair and just decision.

Sincerely
Shelley Remer

cc:
Council member Charlene Drew Jarvis
Council member Kathy Patterson
Council members at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning

Shelley Remer
Director, Gan HaYeled
Jeffrey A. Wohlberg
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March 3, 2000

Ms. Sheila Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth St., N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

RE: APPLICATION #16556

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Sincerely,

Michael Jacobson
2939 Van Ness St., N.W., #830
Washington, DC 20008

cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning

March 4, 2000

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Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth St., N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

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Sincerely,

Thomas R. Pickett, Jr.
1429 Q St, N.W.
Washington, DC 20009

cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning

2500 Q St. NW, Apt. 306
Washington, D.C. 20007
February 29, 2000

Ms. Sheila Cross Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustments
441 Fourth St. NW, Suite 210 A
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

We live in the District of Columbia. We consider ourselves fortunate that the District offers educational options for its residents. We also appreciate the hospitality of the people who live near schools in welcoming children and schools in their neighborhood.

Washington has a diversity of people and, fortunately, a diversity of schools. This includes one--and only one--Jewish elementary school. We believe that it is imperative for the quality of life and expression of diversity in this city that a Jewish Day School be available for those who choose it.

Therefore, we support and urge you to support and approve the application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nations' Capital for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW. The temporary occupancy is necessary for the survival of the school as it prepares for occupancy of its planned permanent site in the District of Columbia. If the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital does not survive, many students and their parents will move out to Rockville and other suburban locations. We may be among them.

The proposed location is in a neighborhood where the school has always had students residing. Of course, as a minority group, Jews must gather from several neighborhoods to fill a school.

The Jewish Primary Day School is committed to staying in the District of Columbia. We hope that the Board of Zoning Adjustment will recognize that it is in the interest of the city as a whole to support the survival of the school by granting the zoning adjustment requested.

Schools enhance the quality of life in a neighborhood and in a city as a whole. We know that the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital has been sensitive to the needs of prospective neighbors. For example, a respected engineering firm has designed a detailed traffic management plan to keep school traffic off residential streets. Also, the school is planning to invite neighbors to school events and to set up a liaison committee to assure considerate interface with neighbors.

Fair is fair. Please approve the application of The Jewish Primary Day School for a zoning adjustment. We also urge you to expedite the decision, so that the school can open on time in September.

Yours truly,

Amy A. Polonsky

Alex S. Polonsky

cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning

1414 Oak St. NW
Washington, D.C. 20010
February 28, 2000

Ms. Sheila Cross Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustments
441 Fourth St. NW, Suite 210 S
Washington, DC 20001

Re Application No 16556

Dear Ms. Reid

I live in Columbia Heights. Every day, I drive my children to another neighborhood to go to the St. Albans School. I consider myself fortunate that the District offers this educational option for those of us who chose an Episcopalian School. I also appreciate the hospitality of the people who live near St Albans in welcoming my children and their school in their neighborhood.

Washington has a diversity of people and, fortunately, a diversity of schools. In addition to the Episcopalian School that my children attend, there is one--and only one--Jewish elementary school. I believe that it is imperative for the quality of life and expression of diversity in this city that a Jewish Day School be available for those who choose it.

Therefore, I support and urge you to support and approve the application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nations' Capital for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW The temporary occupancy is necessary for the survival of the school as it prepares for occupancy of its planned permanent site in the District of Columbia. If the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital does not survive, many students and their parents will move out to Rockville and other suburban locations.

The proposed location is in a neighborhood where the school has always had students residing. Of course, as a minority group, Jews must gather from several neighborhoods to fill a school--just as my children, and others, assemble at St. Albans.

The Jewish Primary Day School is committed to staying in the District of Columbia. I hope that the Board of Zoning Adjustment will recognize that it is in the interest of the city as a whole to support the survival of the school by granting the zoning adjustment requested.

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detailed traffic management plan to keep school traffic off residential streets. Also, the school is planning to invite neighbors to school events, to set up a liaison committee to assure considerate interface with neighbors, and to offer adult education classes free of charge. This school would be good for my neighborhood and good for the District.

Please approve the application of The Jewish Primary Day School for a zoning adjustment. I also urge you to expedite the decision, so that the school can open on time in September.

Yours truly,

Frederick L. Miller, Jr.

cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning

Shirley Gould
2480 16th St. NW #428
Washington, D.C. 20009
March 6, 2000

Ms. Sheila Cross Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustments
441 Fourth St. NW, Suite 210 A
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

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Yours truly,

Shirley Gould

cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis

Councilmembers at Large

Andrew Altman, Office of Planning

NATIONAL REO MANAGEMENT, INC.
3402 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20008
202-686-8200

February 29, 2000

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

Re: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

As the owner of a District of Columbia Real Estate business, I am always interested in ways to improve the quality of life in D.C., and to make it an attractive place for diverse cultures to make a home. For this reason, I would like to express my support for the JPDS-NC that is currently trying to relocate to the 16th Street, NW area, and is seeking Board of Zoning adjustment approval. The city at large will benefit from such a school for many reasons, including attracting young families to D.C., preserving open space, and no doubt causing less traffic than the alternative use as a housing development.

I encourage you to consider what is good for the general population of the city, rather than just a few parties' narrow interests, and approve the application of the JPDS-NC school.

Sincerely,

Douglas K. Goldsten
V. President/General Manager

CC: Council Chair Linda W. Cropp
Chair Pro Tempore Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmember Sandy Allen
Councilmember Jack Evans

3815 13th St. NW
Washington, DC 20011
March 6, 2000

Ms. Sheila Cross Reid, Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustments
441 Fourth St. NW, Suite 210 A
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

As a District resident, and a retired D.C. public school teacher, I recognize the importance of elementary schools to the residents of this city. Therefore, I urge you to support the application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 16th St., NW.

This school is a unique resource to the District, and a magnet for Jewish families. If this school closes or moves away, many families will follow. Although I am not Jewish, I support the desire of those who wish to offer their children a Jewish education in the District. Also, as a retired District teacher, I recognize that parochial schools carry some of the burden that otherwise would be carried by public schools and taxpayers.

I understand that the school has taken extreme measures to minimize impact on that neighborhood, as well as surrounding neighborhoods such as my own, while temporarily renting space on 16th St.

Again, please approve the application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital for a zoning adjustment. I also urge you to expedite the decision, so that the school can open on time in September.

Yours truly,

Helen Nesbit-Samura

Helen Nesbit-Samura

cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning

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3818 Ingomar St., NW Washington, DC 20015

March 1, 2000

RE: Application No. 16556

Ms. Sheila Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, N.W. Suite 220
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Ms. Reid:

I have been a resident of DC since 1959. When I moved here, I enrolled our daughters in Murch, then on to Deal, and then they graduated from Wilson.

Now our granddaughter lives in the District and goes to school at the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nations Capital in the District. If the school cannot find a home in the District, she and my daughter will leave the District, and have to move to another location. I want them to stay in the District.

The JPDS is a wonderful school, nurturing and teaching the children in small classes, and teaching them to be good citizens. At least half of the school's families are DC residents.

The school needs a temporary home for 3 years, while they find and go through all the necessary steps to secure their permanent home. The District should be proud of this school and the excellent work it is doing.

The parents of the JPDS are determined to cooperate with the neighborhood in all traffic matters. The fears of the neighbors are of great concern to the school's administrators and parents, and the school will prove to be a good, caring, and responsive neighbor.

Please approve their application No. 16556 for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 16th Street.

I appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Fradel Kramer

Fradel Kramer

cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmember at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
Kathy Patterson
Council Member, Ward 3

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March 6, 2000

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

RE: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

I am a long-time resident of Washington, and a business owner in downtown DC. I am also the parent of a child attending the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capitol, and I am writing to urge the Board of Zoning Adjustment to approve the school's zoning application for a temporary site. The approval is critical to the continued success of this excellent school.

There is no question that JPDS-NC attracts and keeps families in Washington. Without the school, families who want their children to attend a Jewish day school would move to the suburbs where such schools exist. So JPDS-NC should be viewed as critical to the vitality of the city itself.

For eleven years, JPDS-NC has provided families in Washington an opportunity to send their children to a Jewish community day school where they receive a very strong education in both Judaics and secular studies. In fact, JPDS-NC is the *only* such school in the city. More than 60 families who reside in Washington rely on this school for their children's education.

As JPDS-NC has indicated, the school and the parent body are fully committed to working with the Shepherd Elementary neighborhood to address it concerns regarding traffic, etc. We appreciate the importance being good neighbors, and providing community service to the neighborhoods that accommodate schools.

I hope the BZA will consider and approve this application in an expedited fashion to ensure sufficient time for the school to move and reestablish itself so it's ready for the 2000/2001 school year. Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely,

Claude Fontheim

cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning

521 12th St. NE
Washington, D.C. 20002
March 7, 2000

Ms. Sheila Cross Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustments
441 Fourth St. NW, Suite 210 A
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid.

Children and schools have always been important to this city. Washington has a diversity of people and, fortunately, a diversity of schools. This includes one--and only one--Jewish elementary school. I believe that it is imperative for the quality of life and expression of diversity in this city that a Jewish Day School be available for those who choose it.

I support and urge you to support and approve the application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW. The temporary occupancy is necessary for the survival of the school as it prepares for occupancy of its planned permanent site in the District of Columbia. If the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital does not survive, many students and their parents will move out to Rockville and other suburban locations.

The proposed location is in a neighborhood where the school has always had students residing. Of course, as a minority group, Jews must gather from several neighborhoods to fill a school. The Jewish Primary Day School is committed to staying in the District of Columbia. I hope that the Board of Zoning Adjustment will recognize that it is in the interest of the city as a whole to support the survival of the school by granting the zoning adjustment requested.

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Please approve the application of The Jewish Primary Day School for a zoning adjustment. I also urge you to expedite the decision, so that the school can open on time in September.

Joe L. Allen

cc: Council member Charlene Drew Jarvis
Council members at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning

March 6, 2000

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

RE: APPLICATION # 16556

Dear Ms. Reid,

I have been a resident in the District of Columbia for the last two years. I Join the neighbors and members of Tifereth Israel and Ohev Shalom in writing this letter to show my support and urge you to approve the application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW. This temporary occupancy will insure that the Jewish Primary Day School will continue to thrive as it plans and builds it permanent location in the District.

JPDS-NC helps keep families in Washington DC who want to provide their children with a high quality Jewish education without having to move to the suburbs. The school has been recognized for the quality of its educational curriculum, faculty talent and student performance.

Sincerely,

Vered Zidkiyahu
4600 Connecticut Ave. NW
106
Washington, DC 20008

Cc: Councilmember Chrlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planing

1825 Parkside Dr. NW
Washington, D.C. 20012
March 4, 2000

Ms. Sheila Cross Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustments
441 Fourth St. NW, Suite 210 A
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

I live in Ward 4. I am a social worker and also do volunteer work for several nonprofit organizations. I first came to Washington to teach at Georgetown University. I love the educational and cultural richness and spirit of tolerance and concern for others that grace our city, and particularly Ward 4.

Washington has a diversity of people and, fortunately, a diversity of schools. This includes one--and only one--Jewish elementary school, the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital. Although I am not Jewish, I believe that it is imperative for the quality of life and expression of diversity in this city that a Jewish Day School be available for those who are.

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Yours truly,

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cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning