Alice B. Cohen and Harold David Cohen
3630 Chesapeake St. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

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:

We are writing to urge the Board of Zoning Adjustment to approve the above-referenced application by the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital (JPDS-NC) for zoning to establish a temporary site. As long-time residents of the District of Columbia (one of us for over 60 years, the other for nearly 50 years), we believe that favorable action on this applications by the Board of Zoning Adjustment would be in the District's interest. As grandparents of a child attending JPDS-NC, we know that such action is critical to the continued success of this excellent school.

For eleven years, JPDS-NC has occupied space at Adas Israel Congregation on Quebec Street, N.W., providing an opportunity for families in the District to send their children to a Jewish community day school where they receive a very strong education in both secular and Judaic studies. In fact, JPDS-NC is the *only* Jewish day school in the city. More than 60 District families rely on JPDC-NC for their children's education, and there is no question that JPDS-NC attracts and keeps families in the District. Without the school, many families who want their children to attend a Jewish day school would move to the suburbs where other such schools exist. The continued existence of JPDS-NC therefore should be viewed as critical to the diversity of the city itself.

Having outgrown its current location, JPDS-NC has reached agreement with the congregations of Ohev Shalom and Tifereth Israel (which face each other on 16th Street in Shepherd Park) to share facilities temporarily while the school develops a permanent site. If the required zoning approval is denied, the school will have no place to exist for the 2000-2001 school year. It is not an exaggeration, therefore, to say that the future of Jewish education in the District is in the Board's hands.

As JPDS-NC has indicated, the school and its parent body (which includes our son and daughter-in-law) are fully committed to working with the Shepherd Elementary neighborhood to address any concerns it may have about JPDS-NC's temporary presence there. JPDS-NC teaches its students the importance of being good neighbors and providing community service, and we are confident that the school would exemplify those principles in the Shepherd Park neighborhood.

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO.16556
EXHIBIT NO.241A2

We hope the Board of Zoning Adjustment will consider and approve this application in an expedited fashion to ensure that JPDS-NC has sufficient time to move and ready itself for the 2000-2001 school year. Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

Harold David Cohen

Alice B. Cohen

Alice B. Cohen
3630 Chesapeake St. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

cc: Chair Pro Tempore Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning

1909 19th St., NW, #204
Washington, DC 20009
March 5, 2000

Ms. Sheila Reid
Chair, Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth St., NW, Suite 220
Washington, DC 20001
Re: Application no. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

I am 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 St., NW, the sites of Tifereth Israel and Ohev Sholom synagogues. I have been a resident, registered voter, and taxpayer in the District of Columbia since 1971 ,and have watched the development, expansion, and renovation of many neighborhoods, businesses, and schools throughout the city. Now, as a parent of a kindergarten student, I am concerned about the city's access to educational institutions that serve a broad spectrum of current and potential residents in our fine city.

As the only Jewish day school in D.C., JPDS-NC is an essential component in the city's school base to ensure that Jewish (and non-Jewish) families have access to a day school offering a religious and secular educational environment. A favorable and expedited decision by the Board will ensure that the school makes a smooth transition to its temporary site and opens in September 2000 without causing undue hardship for its students.

JPDS-NC is working diligently with the Shepherd Park neighborhood to address and alleviate all concerns regarding traffic, noise, and safety. These issues can be worked out fairly for all concerned, with many added benefits accruing to the neighborhood in this transition time.

It is not only a Jewish day school that is in danger at this time. More important, the future socioeconomic well-being of the city is also jeopardized. The city is the ultimate benefactor of the contributions that emerge from the values, service, and community commitment embodied by the school.

I appreciate your kind attention to these issues and thank you for your help in working toward a favorable end. Best regards.

Sincerely,
Elaine Rubin

Elaine Rubin

Cc: Council member Charlene Drew Jarvis
Council members at large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning

4525 Edson Place NE
Washington, D.C. 20019
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 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,

Verna M. Williams

Verna M. Williams

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

1909 19th St., NW, #204
Washington, DC 20009
March 5, 2000

Ms. Sheila Reid
Chair, Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth St., NW, suite 220
Washington, DC 20001
Re: Application no. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

I am writing to urge approval of the application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital (JPDS-NC) for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 16th St., NW, the sites of Tifereth Israel and Ohev Sholom synagogues. I have been a resident, registered voter, and taxpayer in the District of Columbia since 1989. As a parent of a kindergarten student, I am concerned about the city's educational institutions and the resources the city can offer to ensure that a broad spectrum of people continues to maintain residence in the city.

As the only Jewish day school in D.C., JPDS-NC provides residents access to a school offering a Jewish religious and secular educational environment and thus adds a valuable educational dimension to the city's other fine schools. One half of the current families of students enrolled in the school are residents of the city. A favorable and expedited decision by the Board is required to ensure that the school makes a smooth transition to its temporary site and is ready to open for September 2000 without causing undue hardship to its students.

JPDS-NC is committed to working with the Shepherd Park neighborhood to ensure safety and alleviate any undue impact from traffic and noise. Community relations are an utmost priority for the school, which ultimately will offer many benefits to the neighborhood in this transition time.

The breadth of educational opportunities for district residents is diminished greatly without JPDS-NC, an institution that can help the city prosper and thrive for the future. I appreciate your fair assessment of these issues and thank you for your help in working toward a favorable end. Best regards.

Sincerely,

James T. Sprowls

Cc: Council member Charlene Drew Jarvis
Council members at large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning

Ms. Linda Moskowitz
4823 Foxhall Crescents, NW
Washington DC 20007

March 7, 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 am a resident of the District of Columbia and have been a supporter and booster of the city in both times of good and bad. As a parent of a child attending the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nations Capital (JPDS-NC) and as a person committed to making and keeping our neighborhoods vibrant and community spirited, I ask that you approve the application of JPDS-NC for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 16th St., NW.

Our school teaches and practices values that emphasize consideration of our neighbors and community building. I am sure if we are given the chance, the Shepard Park neighborhood will find that our school will cooperate and add to the neighborhood. Our school director spends a great deal of time assuring that the JPDS students and parents participate in and sponsor community events and exchanges.

I ask again that the BZA consider and approve our application for temporary occupancy. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Linda Moskowitz

Linda Moskowitz

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 Street, NW Suite 210S
Washington, D.C. 20001

RE: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

I am writing to urge the Board of Zoning Adjustment to approve the Jewish Primary Day School's zoning application for a temporary site. The approval is critical to the continued success of this excellent school. Although I do not have children at the school, I support the children of the community who are in desperate need of housing for this wonderful little school.

There is no question that Jewish Primary Day School 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 Jewish Primary Day School should be viewed as critical to the vitality of the city itself.

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 its ready for the 2000/2001 school year.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Rose Jerome
3227 Rittenhouse St., NW
Washington, D.C. 20015

3232 Rittenhouse St., NW
Washington, DC 20015
March 5,2000

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

Dear Ms. Reid,

Re: Application No. 16556

We are writing you to urge the Board of Zoning Adjustment to approve the application from the ***Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capitol*** (JPDS-NC) 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 secular and Judaic studies. In fact, JPDS-NC is the only such school in the city of Washington. More than 60 families who reside in Washington rely on this school for their children's education. Despite the availability of Jewish day schools in suburban Virginia and Maryland, significant number of families who live outside the city have chosen to send their children to JPDS-NC.

JPDS-NC attracts and keeps families living in Washington. Without this school located in the city of Washington, many families would be forced to move to Virginia and Maryland. JPDS-NC should be viewed and is 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 its concerns regarding traffic as well as other issues. We appreciate the importance of being good neighbors and being sensitive to the areas that accommodate schools.

We hope the Board of Zoning Adjustment will consider and approve this application in an expedited fashion to ensure sufficient time for the school to move and reestablish itself in this new location for the 2000/01 school year. Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

Nancy Golding Robert H. Hartheimer

Nancy S. Golding and Robert H. Hartheimer

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

3506 36th St. NW
Washington, DC 20016

March 5, 2000

Ms. Sheila Cross Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th St. NW
Washington DC 20001

RE: APPLICATION #16556

Dear Ms. Reid,

My wife and I are writing to support the application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital for temporary occupancy at two existing synagogues, Tifereth Israel and Ohev Sholom, at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW.

We have been residents of the District of Columbia for over ten years and are also the parents of a toddler. The survival of the only Jewish day school in the District is critical to the future of the Jewish community here. Temporary occupancy at the 16th Street site will give the school time to plan and build its permanent location in the District.

The school is committed to working with the Sheperd Park neighborhood to address concerns about traffic, safety, and the like. We strongly urge you to approve the school's application in an expedited fashion so that the school and its families can prepare for the upcoming school year. The loss of this outstanding school would force us and many other Jewish families to leave the District, and would rend this great city's multicultural fabric.

Sincerely yours,

Yoel Tobin

cc: the Honorable Kathy Patterson

6100 29th St. NW
Washington, DC 20015
March 9, 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 the District of Columbia. I am also a business owner and employer in the District.

My neighborhood, near Chevy Chase Circle, has narrow streets and single family homes. My neighborhood also has a public school and several churches. The churches conduct an elementary school, religious schools, and preschools. I am pleased that my neighborhood offers educational options for its residents. Indeed, I believe that schools and churches enrich a neighborhood and the District as a whole. Although the schools in my neighborhood have uncontrolled traffic and inadequate parking, I welcome children and schools in my neighborhood. I am more than happy to put up with an occasional blocked street, alley, or driveway. I also welcome children from other neighborhoods who attend school or church in my neighborhood. By the way, I do not have children of my own.

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. I would miss them, and I think that you would, too.

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. 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. I might add that the schools in my neighborhood have no traffic management plan, and have never been asked to, even though they are here permanently. Also, the Jewish Primary Day School is planning to set up a liaison committee to assure considerate interface with neighbors, and is making efforts to offer free educational and cultural programs to neighbors. Surely the Shepherd Park neighborhood will be impacted less--and only temporarily--than my neighborhood is on a permanent basis. I wish that a building were available for the Jewish Primary Day School in my neighborhood.

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,

Charles G. Crawford

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

March 6, 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 a long-time resident of Washington, I am writing to urge the Board of Zoning Adjustment to approve the school zoning application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital 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, a significant 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 its concerns regarding traffic, etc. I appreciate the importance of being good neighbors, and providing community service to the areas 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 is ready for the 2000/2001 school year. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Kupfer
3375 Stephenson Place, NW
Washington, DC 20015

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

March 6, 2000

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

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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 is ready for the 2000/2001 school year. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Shelly Kupfer
3375 Stephenson Place, NW
Washington, DC 20015

cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
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March 6, 2000

Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
414 Fourth Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

I have been a resident and business owner in the District of Columbia for over twenty years. One of the most gratifying aspects of my decision to commit to living here has been the resurgence of families with children moving into the District. Washington DC has been a wonderful place for my family to raise our children.

I am writing to show my support for, and urge approval, of the application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, N.W. The growth of private schools as well as the strengthening of the Public School system has been a major factor in fueling the interest of families with children to move into the District. This Jewish Day School has received national attention as the only Jewish Day School in the District of Columbia.

The school is working closely with all concerned neighbors and has committed to do everything it can to minimize the impact this temporary occupancy will have. The school has been and will continue to be a great asset to our city and we hope you will support this temporary occupancy

Sincerely,

Leigh M. Manasevit

LMM/aes

C: Coucilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
Coucilmember Kathy Patterson

6949 Greenvale Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20015

March 6, 2000

Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
414 Fourth Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

I have been a resident of the District of Columbia for nearly 15 years. I moved from New York City and have raised my children here. As a result of the many vibrant educational choices available in DC, it is a wonderful place to raise children.

I am writing to support the temporary occupancy of one such choice, the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital, at 7701, and 7712 Sixteenth Street.

This is the only Jewish Day School in the District of Columbia and has served as a magnet for Jewish families seeking an excellent school and a religious education. It is a tremendous asset to our city and I urge you to help us keep it here.

I hope you will support this temporary occupancy.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Manasevit

LMM/aes

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

6100 29th St. NW
Washington, DC 20015
March 9, 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 the District of Columbia. I am also a business owner and employer in the District.

My neighborhood, near Chevy Chase Circle, has narrow streets and single family homes. My neighborhood also has a public school and several churches. The churches conduct an elementary school, religious schools, and preschools. I am pleased that my neighborhood offers educational options for its residents. Indeed, I believe that schools and churches enrich a neighborhood and the District as a whole. Although the schools in my neighborhood have uncontrolled traffic and inadequate parking, I welcome children and schools in my neighborhood. I am more than happy to put up with an occasional blocked street, alley, or driveway. I also welcome children from other neighborhoods who attend school or church in my neighborhood. By the way, I do not have children of my own.

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. I would miss them, and I think that you would, too.

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. I might add that the schools in my neighborhood have no traffic management plan, and have never been asked to, even though they are here permanently. Also, the Jewish Primary Day School is planning to set up a liaison committee to assure considerate interface with neighbors, and is making efforts to offer free educational and cultural programs to neighbors. Surely the Shepherd Park neighborhood will be impacted less--and only temporarily--than my neighborhood is on a permanent basis. I wish that a building were available for the Jewish Primary Day School in my neighborhood. There are buildings available in Shepherd Park, and I hope that the school is allowed to rent space there.

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,

E. Samantha Cheng

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

1609 Buchanan St. NE
Washington, DC 20017
March 6, 2000

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

RE: Application 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

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

This school is a unique resource for the District. As the only Jewish elementary school in the District, it is a magnet for Jewish families. If this school moves away, many taxpaying 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 District resident, 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 the neighborhood 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,

Dorothy B. Smith

Dorothy B. Smith

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

1830 R St. NW, #32
Washington, DC 20009
March 6, 2000

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

RE: Application No. 16656

Dear Ms. Reid:

I live in the District of Columbia. As a church employee, I appreciate the importance of religious and educational insitutions to the residents and neighborhoods of the District. 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 Sixteenth St, NW. This occupancy is vital to the survival of the school.

Although I am not Jewish, I feel that it is important for District residents to have the opportunity to send their children to Jewish school, if they so choose. If this school closes, many Jewish families will move to the suburbs in order to have this opportunity.

I know that the school has taken extreme steps to minimize impact on the neighborhood where they wish to rent. This school is a unique resource in the District and should not be lost.

I urge you to vote in favor of the zoning application, and to give an expedited decision so that school can open on time in September.

Yours truly,
William Watkins
William Watkins
Director of Music Emeritus
Georgetown Presbyterian Church

1506 Van Buren St. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20012

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. Washington has a diversity of people and, fortunately, a diversity of schools. This includes one--and only one--Jewish elementary school. 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.

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, such as myself. 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. 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,

Dolores F. Coates

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

March 3, 2000
3547 Brandywine St. NW
Washington, DC 20037

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

RE: Application No. 16556
Dear Ms. Reid:

We are long-time residents of Washington, DC (Renana was born here and Bob has lived here since 1977) and we are the parents of two children who we hope someday will attend the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capitol (JPDS). We write to ask 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.

As you know, good schools like JPDS attract and keep 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. Good schools are a common good and contribute to the neighborhoods where they are located.

For eleven years, JPDS has provided families in Washington an opportunity to send their children to a Jewish community day school where they learn about Jewish values and culture while receiving a very strong education in secular studies. Many families who reside in Washington rely on this school for their children's education.

We considered moving to Shepherd Park three years ago before finally deciding on Wakefield. We like the neighborhood and the friendly folks who live there. We liked that Lowell and other fine public and private schools were there. I know that the parents and the school, with their commitment to living Jewish values, will work with the Shepherd Elementary neighborhood to address any concerns regarding traffic, etc. 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 it's ready for the 2000/2001 school year. Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

B. Rovinsky

Robert B. Rovinsky and Renana Brooks
3547 Brandywine St. N.W.
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cc: Chair Pro Tempore Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning

2510 Palmer Pl. S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20020
March 6, 2000

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

RE: Application 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

As a District resident, and a D.C. public school teacher, I recognize the importance of elementary schools to the residents and neighborhoods 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 unique. As the only Jewish elementary school in the District, it is a magnet for Jewish families. If this school 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 District public school teacher, I recognize that parochial schools carry some of the burden that otherwise would be carried by us public school teachers and taxpayers.

I understand that the school has taken extreme measures to minimize impact on that neighborhood 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,

Gilbert J. Brown

cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
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March 3, 2000

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

RE: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

I write in support of the application pending before the Board of Zoning Adjustment regarding the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital. It would be wonderful if the BZA would favorably grant the request for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 16th Street, NW.

The Jewish Primary Day School is a very special place. There is no doubt that the loving, supportive and culturally enriched environment offered the students would be extended to members of the Shephard Park community. JPDS families and students would, with pleasure, welcome the opportunity to engage and share in programs and activities with children and families of the Shephard Park.

As you know, JPDS is the only Jewish day school in the nation's capital. The school has been recognized for the high quality of its educational curriculum, faculty talent and student performance. The school is a treasure, and approval of the zoning application is critical for a smooth transition for the children to the next school year.

I have lived and/or worked in the District of Columbia for over 20 years. I am actively involved in the support and development of community-based programs and educational activities for children all over the City. I truly believe that allowing the school to temporarily locate in Shephard Park would create a win/win situation for all.

Thank you very much for helping to make this happen.

Sincerely,

Patricia Puritz

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

3177 Porter Street, NW
Washington, DC 20008
March 12, 2000

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

RE: APPLICATION #16556

Dear Ms. Reid,

We moved to Washington, DC five years ago from New York City. We chose to live in the District because we enjoy the urban lifestyle. And with our children's school (we have three) only two blocks away, the benefits outweighed the drawbacks of city living.

However, if the Jewish Primary Day School's application for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW is not approved, the school will have to move to the suburbs. And so will we. As much as we are committed to an urban lifestyle, we are even more so to a Jewish education for our children. We feel that we are as good for the District as the District is for us.

JPDS has been a good neighbor to the Cleveland Park neighborhood; and we would be to the neighborhoods surrounding Tifereth Israel and Ohev Shalom. Schools, whether public or private, contribute to the vibrancy and stability of neighborhoods. I am asking for your support to keep the school, and us, in the District. Thank you for helping this to happen.

Sincerely,

Jane M. Hughes

Jane M. Hughes

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

Re: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid

A few days ago, I sat in on the Hot Lunch program of the Jewish Primary Day School. All the kids of the school come together every other Wednesday to have lunch in one of the halls of Adas Israel Synagogue. As I looked around at the 180 odd kids, it occurred to me that most of them are blithely unaware of the tremendous way their lives are about to be disrupted. In finding both a temporary and permanent home for the school, the architects, lawyers and developers who take the lead in such matters have done a tremendous amount of work in an effort to manage traffic flows and to be good neighbors.

But ultimately this is a school and the people who will suffer or benefit most will be the kids. A moment must be taken to consider their fates. To be honest, I am not a big fan of Hillary Clinton, but in this case she is right that it takes a village, or in this case a city, to raise a child. The decisions that civic officials like yourself will have a dramatic impact on the lives of the children of that school.

Over the past few years, as decisions about the future have been taken, the interests of those kids have not always been foremost in people's minds, but I hope they will be foremost in the minds of Washington's public officials.

Sincerely,

David Brooks

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



Lowell School

Abigail B. Wiebenson
Director

10 March 2000

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

Dear Ms. Reid,

Re: Application #16556 concerning the Jewish Primary Day School. I am writing in support of the school's desire to relocate to Tifereth Israel and Ohev Sholom Synagogues at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW while their new school is being built. JPDS is a valued member of the Association of Independent Schools of Greater Washington (ASIGW). I serve on the Board. Susan Koss, the Director of JPDS, is held in high esteem by her colleagues for both her professionalism and her leadership. While I appreciate 16th Street neighbors' concerns about traffic, they can be assured that Mrs. Koss is a woman of her word. Any traffic management plan that is approved will be followed to the letter under Mrs. Koss ' leadership.

As the Director of Lowell School for 12 years, there were similar concerns when we bought and renovated our former property at 4715 16th Street and more recently, when we renovated and took occupancy of our new campus at 1640 Kalmia Road, around the corner from the proposed sites for JPDS. Over time and many meetings, and with the competent help of Osborne George and Associates, Transportation Planning and Engineering Consultants, our neighbors and we agreed on a plan. Subsequently, Mr. George has come by to evaluate the success of the plan we adopted and, as are we and our neighbors, he is satisfied that it works well. With careful planning, it is reasonable to assume that it is possible to create a workable solution for the 180 JPDS students, even with curb-side drop-off. In our experience with almost 300 students, with enough school personnel, commitment, and parental cooperation, drop-off/pick-up takes less than 15 minutes.

Lowell School also set up a Neighborhood Council. It meets the last Wednesday of each month from 6-7PM to raise and deal with any concerns and to exchange information, part of our desire to be a responsive and friendly neighbor. The Council works very well. Neighbors also know that they are welcome to call me or drop by any time they wish, with or without a concern.

Finally, as a resident of the District of Columbia for 31 years, I feel strongly that we need to make every effort to support and encourage all schools, public and private, that sustain quality learning for children. JPDS serves an important place in the constellation of schools in the District. I urge the Board to look favorably upon their application.

With sincere good wishes,

Abigail B. Wiebenson

Abigail B. Wiebenson, Director

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Washington, D.C. 20009
March 2, 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 have lived on 16th St. for many years. Part of what makes this a great National City is the wealth of different people. Equally important are our fine educational institutions. 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 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 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,

Durstyne W. McClintick

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

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

RE: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid,

We have been residents of the District, at 1729 Lanier Place in Adams Morgan for the past ten years and are currently stationed in Jakarta on a two-year assignment with the World Bank, returning to our home this June. We were planning to send our two children to the Jewish Primary day School of the Nation's Capital (JPDS-NC where my daughter Maya attended Kindergarten. However, we have heard from friends in DC that the school is in serious jeopardy because the fate of our relocating temporarily to Tifereth Israel and Ohev Shalom is uncertain.

Having worked at Jubilee Jobs and the Whitman Walker Clinic, I have always respected the District as a city that was willing to help those in need. The Jewish community is now also in need of your support as there is no other Jewish Day School in the District for those of us committed to both city living and a Jewish education for our children.

On a personal note, I was born and raised in Calcutta, India, I am not Jewish myself, and never thought that I would find a school that could embrace and support children of such diverse economic and cultural backgrounds as well as degrees of religious observance. JPDS-NC is a school that is welcome to all, and deserves to be welcomed by other neighbors in the District. It is a place that deserves the support and admiration of our community.

I sincerely hope you will grant us temporary residency at the above locations, and that upon returning from Jakarta in a few months time, I will still have a place to educate my children as Jew as well as American citizens.

Respectfully yours,

Mita Felman

Mita Sanyal Felman

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

RE: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid,

We have been residents of the District, at 1789 Lanier Place in Adams Morgan for the past 13 years. While many of our friends and neighbors have moved to suburban neighborhoods outside the city in search of better schools, safer parks, and less parking tickets, we have remained committed to our diverse, urban community and all the benefits it can provide. Foremost among these advantages for us is raising our children in an environment where they can interact with children from all cultural, religious and economic backgrounds.

Because it is our belief that our children can only share their own uniqueness with others in our community if they develop a solid foundation in their Jewish heritage as well as secular studies, we also remain strongly committed to a high quality Jewish education. With the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital (JPDS-NC) within easy reach of our home, we never had to make a choice between the neighborhood we love and the school we love. Sadly, if JPDS-NC is not granted a temporary location at Tifereth Israel and Ohev Shalom on 16th Street, the most likely outcome will be the demise of the only Jewish day school in the District of Columbia. As the next closest Jewish day school in Rockville would pose a 50-minute commute each way for our children during rush hour, we have decided that – if JPDS-NC is not granted temporary residency – we will have to move to a neighborhood that supports the presence of a Jewish day school which by definition will mean leaving the District. We hope and trust that this will not be the final outcome.

We are sure you have received numerous letters from parents that are a testimony to our strong support for JPDS-NC. JPDS-NC is a gem; we sincerely hope that you and the Board of Zoning Adjustments will recognize that granting us temporary residency at the above locations will save families like ours from having to make a choice between Jewish education and living in the District of Columbia.

Sincerely,

Elana Ben-Haim Avner Ben-Haim

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

RE: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid,

My husband Ehud and I are writing to seek your support in granting the Jewish Day School of the Nation's Capital (JPDS-NC) temporary residency at Tefereth Israel and Ohev Shalom on 16th street. We are residents of the District of Columbia at 2609 Klingle Road in Cleveland Park.

Without JPDS-NC, there simply are no other options for those of us committed to both living in the District and Jewish education for our children. We understand that some of the neighbors in the Shepherd's Park community are concerned that the presence of the school would create traffic inconveniences and affect the peace and quite of the neighborhood. Our school is addressing these concerns a top priority. The reality is that children in the District need schools, and these schools should be located in neighborhoods as opposed to in commercial spaces. It would be all but impossible for JDPS-NC to find a better location than in two synagogues with excess capacity, located on 16th street, a major commuter street to and from the District.

On a personal note, as an Asian American and a Jew, my Israeli-born husband and I never thought we would find a Jewish school where our daughter is appreciated so well for all that she is as a person, and where above all things she is taught to respect and understand the views and needs of others. JPDS-NC will do everything possible to respect the community it is in, and we hope in turn the District and neighbors of Shepherd's Park will support our need to continue to provide our children with this exceptional education.

Sincerely,

Jay Dor

Jany and Ehud Dor

Sid Drazin
Bernice Drazin
Comet Liquor and Deli
1815 Columbia Road, N.W.
Washington, DC 20009

March 7, 2000

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

Re: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid,

We have owned and operated Comet Liquor and Deli in Adams Morgan for more than 20 years. When many businesses moved from the neighborhood, we stayed. As members of Tifereth Israel, we want to express our concern over the Shepherd Park ANC vote not to support the request from our synagogue for a special exemption to house the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nations' Capital.

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,

Bernice J. Drazin Sidney Drazin

Sid and Bernice Drazin

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

1412 Floral Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20012
February 21, 2000

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

Re: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms Reid:

I have lived in Shepherd Park for four decades. I join with my neighbors in supporting the application of the Jewish Primary Day School for temporary occupancy at Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah (7712 Sixteenth St., N.W.) and Tifereth Israel (7701 Sixteenth St., N.W.). Both of those synagogues have also been in Shepherd Park for forty years. The temporary use of the existing space in those synagogues is an appropriate use of the buildings. The additional cars of the parents and staff will add very little to the existing traffic. The school will make every effort to minimize the impact on the neighborhood.

The Jewish Primary Day School is a school well known for its excellent, imaginative, and effective curriculum for students in all grades it offers. Because the school has lost its lease at Connecticut and Porter and must have permission to use the two synagogues on Sixteenth Street if it is to continue to exist, it is extremely important that it be permitted this temporary use of the existing synagogue space. It is planning to stay in the District in a permanent building that will be ready for occupancy at the end of the three year period. I strongly urge you to approve the application.

Yours very truly,

Howard Plaut

Howard Plaut

cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers-at-Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
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424 Longfellow St. NW
Washington, D.C. 20011

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

3990 Langley Ct, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20016

March 3, 2000

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

Re: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

As a D.C. resident, I join many Shepherd Park neighbors, members of Ohev Shalom Talmud Torah, and Tifereth Israel synagogues and Reverend Aldridge in supporting the Jewish Primary Day School's application before the Board of Zoning Adjustment. The only Jewish day school in the District of Columbia, the Jewish Primary Day School (JPDS) is committed to remaining in the District. Its application is only for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, N.W.

Securing appropriate space for JPDS' temporary location in the District benefits the entire community, including Shepherd Park. For example, JPDS contributes to the quality of life of its neighbors through snow removal, after school programs, joint programs with Shepherd Park Elementary School, increased public safety with traffic policing, cultural exchange programs involving seniors, and a community relations oversight board. Founded in 1987, JPDS is, of course, an independent school opened to everyone. The school has been recognized for the quality of its educational curriculum, faculty talent and student's performance Most importantly, more than fifty percent of the students are District residents.

In addition, JPDS has retained a local traffic-engineering firm to examine existing traffic conditions in the area. Relying on input from the community, JPDS is committed to determining the most appropriate plans for handling drop-off and pick-up of its students, including a possible adjustment in its school day hours to accommodate present traffic patterns.

This temporary three-year occupancy will mean so much to the 178 children, and their many D.C.-based families, who are eager for their beloved school to have a home. Thank you for approving this application and for allowing JPDS to remain in the District.

Sincerely,

Jay Bratt

cc:
Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers-at-large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
Joseph Hairston, Chair, ANC 4A

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.

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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

3041 Ordway Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20008

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
Council Members at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning

5011 16th Street, S.W.
Washington, D C. 20011

March 3, 2000

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

Re: Application #16556

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1426 Longfellow St, N.W.
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March 2, 2000

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Chair
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414 Fourth Street, NW
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Sincerely,

Robert Spagnoletti

cc:
Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
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Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
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March 2, 2000

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Sincerely,

Joseph P. Thomas

cc:
Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers-at-large
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Sincerely,

Deborah Sines

cc:
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Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
Joseph Hairston, Chair, ANC 4A

Re: Application number 16556

1338 Holly Street, N.W
Washington, D.C. 20012

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

Dear Ms. Reid

We support the application (number 16556) by the Obev Sholom Talmud Torah and Tifereth Israel synagogues to temporarily house the Jewish Primary Day School (JPDS).

As long time and active members of the Shepherd Park community (some examples are: Paul as president of the Friends of the Juanita Thornton Shepherd Park DC Public Library; Trish as board member of the Shepherd Park Citizens' Association, and Alexander Shepherd Public Elementary School parents) we understand the concerns of our neighbors and close friends, especially those immediately adjacent to the synagogues. We have attended the community meetings and heard both sides. The traffic impact on the neighborhood does not appear to be overwhelming, given the small size of the school, its dual locations, and the conscientious and detailed traffic plan. The effort the synagogues are putting forth to hear the neighbors' views is commendable, and we believe an indication of how they will be responsive to any neighborhood issues that may arise regarding the school.

Although we are not of the Jewish faith, we (and many other neighborhood families) did take advantage of the excellent (but soon to leave) pre-school at Tifereth Israel (TI). Our son benefitted tremendously from his two years at the school, and we came to know and appreciate the TI community - which is a vital part of OUR community, here in Shepherd Park. As responsible and sensitive tax-paying and voting members of the community, we recognize the importance of supporting our neighbors in their time of dire need

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and best wishes as you make your decision

Sincerely,

Paul and Trish McKenzie

Paul and Trish McKenzie

RE APPLICATION NO. 16556

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

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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Washington, D.C. 20008
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cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmember at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
Kathy Patterson
Council Member, Ward 3

3503 Northampton St. N W.
Washington D C., 20015
March 2, 2000

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

Re. Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid,

Though I do not live in Shepherd Park, I am a DC resident. I would like to support the application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital's now before the Board of Zoning Adjustment. The Jewish Primary Day School (JPDS) is the only Jewish day school in the District of Columbia, and the school is committed to remaining in the District. Moreover, JPDS is an independent school open to everyone. The JPDS application is for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW

The school has been recognized for the quality of its educational curriculum, faculty talent and students' performance. Most importantly, half of the JPDS families are District residents. The Jewish Primary Day School's temporary and permanent location certainly should be in the District of Columbia.

I strongly believe that the zoning board must consider the needs of all District residents in making its decisions, and weigh these larger public goods more heavily than the inconveniences the location of educational institutions may impose on the minority of residents in particular neighborhoods who live nearby.

This temporary three-year occupancy will mean so much to the 180 children who are eager for their beloved school to have a home. Thank you for approving this application and for allowing JPDS to remain in the District.

Sincerely,
George D. Greenberg

Cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
Joseph Hairston, Chair ANC 4A

March 7, 2000

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

Re: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid,

Though I do not live in Shepherd Park, I am a DC resident. I would like to go on record as strongly supporting the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital's application before the Board of Zoning Adjustment. I understand that in doing so, I join many of those in Shepherd Park, members of Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah, and Tifereth Israel synagogues and Reverend Aldridge. The Jewish Primary Day School (JPDS) is the only Jewish day school in the District of Columbia, and the school is committed to remaining in the District. The JPDS application is for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW.

The Jewish Primary Day School is a true treasure for the District's entire community. Founded in 1987, JPDS is an independent school open to everyone. The school has been recognized for the quality of its educational curriculum, faculty talent and students' performance. Most importantly, half of the JPDS families are District residents. The Jewish Primary Day School's temporary and permanent location certainly should be in the District of Columbia.

This temporary three-year occupancy will mean so much to the 180 children who are eager for their beloved school to have a home. It will also mean a lot to the rest of the Jewish community in the District. Like the rebirth of the Jewish Community Center on 16th Street, it speaks to the vibrancy of Jewish life in the city. I was very excited to hear of the school's creation, for that meant there were

enough Jewish families with young children in the city to even contemplate going to all the hard work of starting the project That it was such a wonderful success over the years made me feel justified in having chosen to stay in the District when I bought my home here. The security of the presence of a day school in the city will make it possible, I believe, for many more Jewish families to remain in the District, rather than feel they need to move out to Montgomery County. Thank you for approving this application and for allowing JPDS to remain in the District.

Sincerely,

Lois C. Steinberg
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7611 13th St, NW
Washington, DC 20012
March 7, 2000

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

Re: Application 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

I have lived in Shepherd Park for 31 years, and I support the application of the Jewish Primary Day School to have a temporary home at Tifereth Israel and Ohev Shalom Talmud Torah.

Please note that this is a temporary – not a permanent – use of Tifereth Israel and Ohev Shalom, two congregations that have been in our neighborhood for more than 40 years. Because Tifereth Israel has been home to a preschool for the past 7 years, and because this preschool will be leaving its location at Tifereth Israel in June of this year, zoning approval for the Jewish Primary Day School will increase traffic and use of the building only moderately. I believe that in the proposed traffic plan, the school is making every effort to be sensitive to the needs and concerns of those who live in the immediate vicinity of the two synagogues and that it will continue to do so.

The proposed school will benefit the neighborhood in many ways, such as joint programs with students at Shepherd Park Elementary School or the benefit of immediate snow removal. There will also be a community relations oversight board.

The Jewish Primary Day School is the only Jewish day school in the District of Columbia. More than half of the students there are DC residents, and some of these are Shepherd Park residents. I understand that the school is committed to remaining in the District, and the current proposal for a temporary home will enable it to do so. For these and many other reasons, I ask you to approve this application.

Sincerely,

Barbara M. White

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cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers-at-Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
Joseph Hairston, Chair, ANC4A

The American Jewish Committee
WASHINGTON CHAPTER, 1156 15th Street NW, 12th Floor, Washington, DC 20005 (202) 785-4200 Fax: (202) 785-4115

March 2, 2000

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

Re: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid,

The American Jewish Committee, Washington DC Chapter strongly supports the Jewish Primary Day School's application before the Board of Zoning and Adjustment. With the establishment of the DC Jewish Community Center, Jewish life in the District is undergoing a major renaissance and revitalization. If this positive trend is to continue, the Day School's application must be approved.

The Jewish Primary Day School is one of this community's great educational institutions. It has been widely recognized for its commitment to educational excellence, student performance and first-rate faculty. The majority of the students who attend the Day School live in the District and their families strongly desire to educate their children in the city.

This temporary three-year occupancy will mean a great deal to the 178 children and their families who are eager to locate a home for the school. We urge you to approve the application.

Sincerely,

David Bernstein
Executive Director

Cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers-at-Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
Joseph Hairston, Chair ANC 4A

(EDITH)
MRS. LEONARD BALDINGER
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Washington, D.C. 20016
(202) 362-6255

March 8, 2000

Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustments
414 Fourth St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20012
Re: Application # 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

I have lived in Washington, D. C. since 1945 and have resided in my present home since 1954. For more than 40 years I have dreamed of a religious day school based in Washington, D. C. Most of my friends left for Suburbia many years ago.

Finally, we have the opportunity to keep families from moving out of D. C. and bring families back to D.C. It is vitally important to do everything possible to assist the Jewish Day Primary School in its transitional phase as it seeks a temporary site for three school years.

As a parent of two children who attended Adas Israel Congregational Hebrew School and six grandchildren who are currently attending or have graduated from Jewish DAY Schools in Maryland and New Jersey, I am writing to ask for your support in considering and approving the Jewish Primary Day School's application.

Surely, with mutual cooperation, traffic considerations can be resolved to permit a school that has been recognized for the quality of its curriculum, its talented faculty, and the high performance level of its students to have a temporary home on 16th St.N.W. before it settles into a permanent site.

A vibrant community needs children, and more children in the Shepherd Park area will, in my opinion, benefit the immediate community in many ways, including cultural interchange.

Hopefully, all the traffic concerns can be addressed in a manner that will bring satisfaction to everyone. I know that you who must make this judgment will not allow the possibility of minor traffic blips to mar the probability of 178 children receiving the best education possible in D.C. without having to leave for Suburbia.

JPDS deserves to stay in the District of Columbia, and the District of Columbia deserves to reap the benefits.

Sincerely,

Edith Baldinger

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cc:
Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers-at-Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
Joseph Hairston, Chair ANC 4A

Re 16556

4201 Cathedral Ave. #824 W.
Washington, D.C. 20016

March 8, 2000

Ms Sheila B. Reid
Board of Zoning Adjustment
414 Fourth St. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20012

Dear Ms. Reid

I have been a resident of the District of Columbia for 18 years. In addition, my late husband, Dr Isaac Franck, was Executive Vice-President of the Jewish Community Council for twenty-five years. The Council has a long and distinguished record of supporting causes which improve the quality of life for the greater Washington area.

It is in this spirit that I write to express my support for using the facilities of Tifereth Israel Congregation and Ohev Shalom Talmud Torah Congregation as temporary locations for the Jewish Primary Day School. The location of these synagogues is convenient for the majority of the 178 student body of J.P.D.S.

The Jewish Primary Day School is the only Jewish Day School in D.C. It has received recognition for its educational curriculum, superior faculty and students' performance

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Please grant permission for J. P. L. S.
to locate at the two named synagogues
for a three year period during which
the school will actively negotiate
for a permanent site in the
District of Columbia.

Respectfully,

(Mrs Sam) Pearl C Franke.

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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 SchoolPof 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
Councilmembers at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning

Tracey Orloff & Peter Timmons
2724 Newlands St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20015

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
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
City Council representative, Kathy Patterson

Renee Comet Photography Inc.
1108 K St. NW, 3rd Fl
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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

Rabbi Ethan Seidel
7604 Morningside Dr., NW
Washington, DC 20012

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

Re: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid,

I join many of my Shepherd Park neighbors, members of Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah, and Tifereth Israel synagogues and Reverend Aldridge in supporting the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital's application before the Board of Zoning Adjustment. I live just three blocks from the proposed school, and will be sending two of my children there, should you approve the application. The Jewish Primary Day School (JPDS) is the only Jewish day school in the District of Columbia and the school is committed to remaining in the District. The JPDS application is for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW.

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Sincerely,

Rabbi Ethan Seidel

Cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
Joseph Hairston, Chair ANC 4A

2314 First Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

March 3, 2000

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

Re: Application #16556

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Sincerely,

Chris Kauffman

cc:
Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers-at-large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
Joseph Hairston, Chair, ANC 4A

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

Re: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid,

I join many of my Shepherd Park neighbors, members of Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah, and Tifereth Israel synagogues and Reverend Aldridge in supporting the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital's application before the Board of Zoning Adjustment. I live just three blocks from the proposed school, and will be sending two of my children there, should you approve the application. The Jewish Primary Day School (JPDS) is the only Jewish day school in the District of Columbia and the school is committed to remaining in the District. The JPDS application is for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW.

The Jewish Primary Day School is a true treasure for the District's entire community. Founded in 1987, JPDS is an independent school open to everyone. The school has been recognized for the quality of its educational curriculum, faculty talent and students' performance. Most importantly, half of the JPDS families are District residents. The Jewish Primary Day School's temporary and permanent location certainly should be in the District of Columbia.

This temporary three-year occupancy will mean so much to the 180 children who are eager for their beloved school to have a home. Thank you for approving this application and for allowing JPDS to remain in the District.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chairperson
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Dear Ms. Reid:

I write to you regarding Application #16556. This application concerns the Jewish Primary Day Schools (JPDS) proposal for a temporary occupancy at7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street., N.W.

The JPDS is a quality educational institution. It is just the type of institution that citizens of the District can be proud of. This independent co-educational Jewish day school has been noted for its educational excellence. Moreover, its primary constituency is the Jewish residents of the District of Columbia. In the years ahead this school will attract many hard-working, tax-paying families to the District.

Pam a long-time resident of the Crestwood neighborhood to the south of Shepherd Park. I would not ask you to favorably consider this proposal if I did not believe it would benefit the city and if I did not know that it has strong local support. I know for example that besides the members of the two synagogues in which the school would be housed, there are a number of Shepherd Park neighbors who support the plan, as well as the Reverend Aldridge.

Part of the reason for this support is the work the school has done to ask for feedback from the neighbors and its willingness to adjust its plans to reflect their concerns. In addition, the school is dedicated to being the type of neighbor that will offer programs and services that give something back to the Shepherd Park neighborhood.

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The three-year occupancy will mean so much to the children of this school. But it also means a great deal to the District of Columbia. I urge you to give favorable consideration to this application.

Very truly yours,

Caryn G. Pass

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