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February 24, 2000

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

Re: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid;

I am writing to ask the Board of Zoning Adjustments to approve the Jewish Primary Day School's application for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 16th street that is scheduled to be presented to you on March 15th.

I am a lifetime resident of the District and am supportive of all measures that will enhance the quality of life in Washington. I believe that the JPDS has been and will continue to be an asset to our city.

I have been assured that the school is anxious to work with the Shepherd Park community to resolve questions that the ANC has about traffic congestion. To achieve that goal they have hired an engineering firm to provide professional advice to address the concerns of the ANC.

The continued success of the JPDS demonstrates a desire on the part of the parent body , 50% of whom are District residents, and its supporters to remain in the city and become active participants in the community.

Sincerely,
Paula S Goldman

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO.16556
EXHIBIT NO.241A4

7417 14th St. NW
Washington, D.C. 20012-1501

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

Dear Ms. Reid,

We write in support of Application # 16556 of the Jewish Primary Day School for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth St., N.W.

As long time residents of Shepherd Park we welcome the prospect of having the JPDS among us. The school is well known for its well-behaved students, superb curriculum and responsible staff.

It is highly appropriate that our community lend a hand to a fine Washington D.C. institution suddenly forced to find temporary lodging. Adequate facilities exist here for parking, and the slight additional traffic would not represent a problem. We are confident the school staff will see to it that there is no untoward impact on its neighbors.

We understand the school is planning a permanent building in the District. It would be an act of generosity and responsibility to come to the aid of the nearly 200 children affected.

We urge you to approve this application.

Very truly yours,

Robert S, Leiken

Katherine R. Leiken

cc. Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large
Joseph Hairston, Chair ANC 4A03
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning

Brenda Krieger & John Carhart
1519 Newton St. NW
Washington, DC 20010

February 21, 2000

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

RE: APPLICATION #16556

Dear Ms. Reid,

We have been residents and business owners in the District of Columbi for close to 30 years. Our children have attended schools in the District for the last 15 years. We love this city and would like to continue to live here and help it thrive.

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

For the last twelve years, the Jewish Primary Day School has become a magnet for District families looking for an excellent school and an more intensive Jewish education. 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. We thank you for helping this to happen.

Sincerely,

Brenda Krieger and John Carhart

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

3530 Quesada, N W.
Washington, D C. 20015

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. Raid:

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,

Ben Friedman

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

Lois GRAY
1325 Jonquil St NW
Washington, DC 20012
2/22/00

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

Re: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid,

Though I cannot live in the Shepherd Park area, I am a DC resident, and I attend services at All Peoples Congregation. I would like to go on record with Reverend Aldridge in supporting the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital's application 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. 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,

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

1618 Myrtle St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20012

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

Re: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

We are residents of Shepherd Park, who join with our neighbors in supporting the application of the Jewish Primary Day School for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth St., N.W. Those two addresses are existing synagogues on Sixteenth Street. The temporary (3-year) use of the existing space in those synagogues is an appropriate use. The few additional cars of parents and staff will add very little to the existing traffic. We are sure the school will do everything in its power to minimize the impact on the neighborhood.

The JPDS is well known for its excellent staff and curriculum. It is the only Jewish day school left in the District. It is our understanding that the school has lost its lease at Connecticut and Porter and must have permission to use the Sixteenth Street synagogues if it is to continue to exist. It is important that the school, which is planning a permanent building in the District, be permitted this temporary use of the existing synagogue space. We urge you to approve the application.

Joseph Penny

(Mrs.) Rachel Penny

cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers -at-Large
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ANC 4A03, Joseph Hairston

Ira N. Forman
1717 Webster St., N.W.
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February 28, 2000

Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustments
441 Fourth Street, NW
Suite 210 South
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

I write to you today to urge you to favorable consider the Jewish Primary Day School's application for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, N.W., which is before the Board of Zoning Judgement. As a nine year resident of Ward 4 (the site of the school) I am convinced that this application is a worthy one which will result in a healthier Shepherd Park neighborhood, a healthier District of Columbia and a healthier D.C. Jewish Community.

I would not write this letter if I was alone in my judgement. The majority of the population of the Jewish Primary Day School is drawn from residents of the District of Columbia. Moreover, many Shepherd Park neighbors, the members of the Oheve Sholom Talmud Torah and Tifereth Israel synagogues and the,Reverend Aldridge are all supporting this well conceived application.

I truly believe that the future growth and well being of the District Columbia is directly related to the health and welfare of the D.C. Jewish Community. If we could somehow see into the future ten years and knew that there was a thriving, growing and prosperous Jewish Community in D.C., we could also be reasonably assured that the District itself, its other strong communities, its economy and its city government would also be prospering.

The Jewish Primary Day School is a just the type of asset that will ensure a vibrant D.C. It attracts highly-educated, community-minded families to the District of Columbia. The school itself has been recognized for the quality of its curriculum and its students' performance.

Moreover, I am convinced that this temporary (three year) proposal will have immediate advantages for Ward 4 and the Shepherd Park neighborhood. Timely snow removal, after school programs, joint programs with Shepherd Park Elementary and increased public safety with traffic policing are among the many benefits the school will bring to the neighborhood.

This proposal is a positive development for everyone involved. I feel confident of the wisdom of this action because the school has gone, and will go, the extra mile to solicit community advice, respond to community concerns and plan accordingly.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ira N. Forman

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

1338 Geranium Street, NW
Washington, DC 20012
February 29, 2000

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

Re: Application 16556

Dear Ms. Reid,

I strongly support the application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capitol to locate temporarily at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, NW. I am a resident of Shepherd Park, a member of Tifereth Israel Congregation and the father of a student at the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital (JPDS).

The school has made a tremendous contribution to Jewish life in the District of Columbia for 13 years, and has helped to stem the movement of the Jewish community out of the city. As the only Jewish Day School in the District of Columbia, it has provided an excellent education for hundreds of students, and serves as a focal point for many families who hope to be able to remain residents of the District. (Over half the students are DC citizens.)

Unfortunately, JPDS must move from its current location at the end of June, 2000. A search committee has been unable to find an alternative location for the school for the coming September. There is a very strong likelihood that if JPDS cannot relocate temporarily into Tifereth Israel Congregation and Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah, the school will have to close permanently. We would lose a wonderful and valuable community institution.

What better temporary home could there be for a Jewish school, than two synagogues? Both Tifereth Israel Congregation and Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah have been in our neighborhood for forty years. Because both have large buildings that already include classrooms, they could easily accommodate the school with minimal impact to our neighbors. To ensure that there will be minimal impact, JPDS has put much effort into developing a traffic plan that includes the input of Shepherd Park residents.

I hope you and the BZA will approve this application.

Sincerely,

John S. Young

CC: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers-at-large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
ANC 4A03, Joseph Hairston

1442 Roxanna Road, 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.

As a long time resident of Shepherd Park, I wish to join with my neighbors in supporting the application of the Jewish Primary Day School for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, N.W. Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah and Tifereth Israel, the two large synagogues located at those addresses, have been in Shepherd Park for forty years. The temporary use of the existing space in those synagogues is an eminently appropriate use of the buildings. The few additional cars of parents and staff will add very little to the existing traffic and the school will make every effort to minimize the impact on the neighborhood.

The Jewish Primary Day School is an excellent school, well known for its thorough, creative and demanding curriculum in all grades. 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 very important that it be permitted this temporary use of the existing synagogue space. It is planning a permanent building in the District and will be ready to occupy that space at the end of the three year period. I strongly urge you to approve the application.

Yours very truly.

Sidney Berger

cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers-at-Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
ANC 4A03, Joseph Hairston

Stephen R. Stern
Margaret R. Hahn
1791 Lanier Place #31, N.W.
Washington, DC 20009

March 1, 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 been residents in the District of Columbia for more than 10 years. Our daughter has attended pre-school and primary school in the District for the past 6 years. We love this city and would like to continue to live here and help it thrive.

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

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

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

We thank you for helping to make this to happen.

Sincerely,

Margaret Hahn and Stephen Stern

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

March 1, 2000

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

RE: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Julia Paradise

Emanuel Thorne

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

Martin Block
3348 Military Rd NW
Washington DC 20015

Feb 23, 2000

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

Dear Ms. Reid,

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

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

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

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

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

Best regards,

Martin Block

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

February 28, 2000

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

RE: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Ellen Nissenbaum Jeffrey Colman
3047 Oliver St. NW
Washington, D.C. 20015

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

6416 Utah Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20015

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

Re: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Sarah Hyams and Robert Hyams

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

8009 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20012

February 17, 2000

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

Re: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

We have lived in Shepherd Park for over forty years and are writing in strong support of the Jewish Primary Day School's application before the Board of Zoning Adjustment for temporary 3-year occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, N.W.. At one time there were several Jewish day schools in D.C., but now *The Jewish Primary Day School* (JPDS) is the only one now operating here. The school is committed to remaining in the District to serve its many students who reside in D.C..

The Jewish Primary Day School is well known as an exemplary school celebrated for its imaginative staff, demanding curriculum and devotion to serving the needs of every one of its students. The school was founded in 1987 as an independent school open to everyone. More than half of the students now enrolled at JPDS are residents of the District of Columbia. It is very important that the school, which plans to build a permanent school in D.C., remain in the District during its temporary three-year occupancy of the two synagogues. We add our strong support to that of our neighbors in urging you to approve JPDS's application.

Yours very truly,
Paul Sperling
Paul Sperling

Helen Sperling
Helen Sperling

cc:
Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers-at-Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
ANC 4A03, Joseph Hairston