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,

Jany Dor

Jany and Ehud Dor

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