Ms. Sheila Reid
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Board of Zoning Adjustments
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OFFICE OF ZONING
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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

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