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

RE: Application #16556

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Dear Ms. Reid,

We are 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

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