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OFFICE OF ZONING
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Ms. Sheila Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

RE: APPLICATION #16556

Dear Ms. Reid,

On behalf of Adas Israel Congregation, we are pleased to support the Jewish Day School of the Nation's Capital's (JPDS-NC) application for Temporary Occupancy of 7701 and 7712 16th Street, N.W., as well as JPDS-NC's efforts to secure a permanent home in the District of Columbia.

Adas Israel and JPDS-NC have enjoyed a long and well-established relationship of mutual respect, support, and development since 1987. Adas Israel is proud and pleased to have played an essential role in the founding of the only Jewish Day School in Washington, D.C. Rabbi Wohlberg, Senior Rabbi of Adas Israel, is a founding board member of JPDS-NC. A number of members of the Board of Managers of Adas Israel are also members of the Board of Directors of JPDS-NC.

JDPS-NC grew from a small school serving kindergarten through the third grade to a much larger school serving kindergarten through sixth grade. By 1997, JPDS-NC was outgrowing the limited space available at Adas Israel, and had a long-term strategy of continued development. Adas Israel also was developing plans for its own religious school, nursery school, and youth group programs. At that time, JPDS-NC and Adas Israel agreed that the missions of the school and the synagogue could best be served if JPDS-NC became independent and moved to a separate location. The date agreed to for that move was the end of the 1999-2000 academic year. Since that time, JPDS-NC has honored fully the terms of our agreement with respect to occupancy of our building. Adas Israel has pursued its program development plans and a number of new or expanded programs are set to begin at the synagogue in the fall of 2000.

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Throughout the process, Adas Israel has expressed our support for both the mission and the continued success of the school. We therefore endorse JPDS-NC's efforts to secure interim and permanent space in the District of Columbia.

We hope this letter makes clear the good relationship between JPDS-NC and Adas Israel, and our positive feelings toward the school, its students, families and staff as they go forward.

Sincerely,

Jordan Baruch
President

Jeffrey Wohlberg
Senior Rabbi