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

Re: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid

A few days ago, I sat in on the Hot Lunch program of the Jewish Primary Day School. All the kids of the school come together every other Wednesday to have lunch in one of the halls of Adas Israel Synagogue. As I looked around at the 180 odd kids, it occurred to me that most of them are blithely unaware of the tremendous way their lives are about to be disrupted. In finding both a temporary and permanent home for the school, the architects, lawyers and developers who take the lead in such matters have done a tremendous amount of work in an effort to manage traffic flows and to be good neighbors.

But ultimately this is a school and the people who will suffer or benefit most will be the kids. A moment must be taken to consider their fates. To be honest, I am not a big fan of Hillary Clinton, but in this case she is right that it takes a village, or in this case a city, to raise a child. The decisions that civic officials like yourself will have a dramatic impact on the lives of the children of that school.

Over the past few years, as decisions about the future have been taken, the interests of those kids have not always been foremost in people's minds, but I hope they will be foremost in the minds of Washington's public officials.

Sincerely,

David Brooks

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

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