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Ms Sheila Cross Reid
Chair,
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth St NW, Suite 220
Washington DC 20001

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Application #16556

1322 Holly St NW
Washington DC 20012

Dear Ms Reid

I write this letter as a 30 year resident of Shepherd Park. My wife Carla Cohen (owner of Politics & Prose 5015 Connecticut Ave NW) plan to live out our years (health & God willing) in Shepherd Park.

We support the location of the Jewish Primary Day School (JPDS) at Tifereth Israel (TI) & Ohev Sholom, 7701 16th & 7712 16th St respectively. JPDS will add to our community. I have talked with many about this in our neighborhood. The objections I hear are not fundamental to protect the neighborhood or people's homes.

Any reasonable examination shows that the institutions of JPDS have the ability to manage their traffic plan. TI is fully cooperating in ways that go beyond the ordinary. Since the objections raised are neither fundamental nor basic to neighborhood vitality or protection, a rejection of JPDS for the 3 years really says we don't want a school in our neighborhood one that meets special educational needs of District Students. That amounts to civil hostility -- & I'm sure that's not the intent of the BZA board.

Sincerely,
Paul Cohen
1322 Holly St NW
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