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OFFICE OF ZONING
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Ms. Sheila B. Reed
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustments
441 Fourth Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C. 20012

Re: Application #16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

While I reside outside the District of Columbia, I belong to Adas Israel Congregation which is located in the District. My congregation has nurtured the growing Jewish Primary Day School (JPDS) since its inception in 1987.

Because of growth beyond my congregation's capacity to house it any longer, the need for the school to relocate became urgent.

I join in supporting the school's application before the Board of Zoning Adjustments for a temporary three-year occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, Northwest, pending availability of permanent quarters. I am joined in my support by Mayor Anthony A. Williams, the membership of the two host congregations at the aforementioned location -- Tifereth Israel Congregation and Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah Congregation -- and graciously hospitable Shepherd Park neighbors.

More than one-half of the school's students are D. C. residents and the bulk of the remainder are sesidents in adjacent areas of Montgomery County. As the only Jewish day school in the District, its continued temporary and permanent location in Washington are of great importance for the community at large.

In addition to offering quality education and social interaction with the broader community, planners of the school's relocation have addressed traffic, parking, and activity considerations that are designed to assure the neighborhood of safety and tranquility.

I thank you and the members of your board for giving the pending application favorable consideration and preserving a District home for the school.

Sincerely,

Harry Bodansky

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cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis (Ward 4)
Councilmembers-at-Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning
Joseph Hairston, Chair, Advisory
Neighborhood Committee 4-A

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