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Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning & Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20011

Re: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

I would like to express a sincere appreciation to the Board for an opportunity to provide comments for consideration on the proposed application to establish a private school, Chevorah Tifereth Synagogue at 7701 16th Street, N.W., and a private school, Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah Synagogue at 7712 16th Street, N.W.

As the Ward 4 School Board Representative, I had the opportunity of attending several community meetings in which a presentation on the proposed school plan was heard. The meeting at the Shepherd Park Civic Association and Advisory Neighborhood Commission allowed me to gain a better understanding of the Jewish Primary Day School (JPDS) and its need for a temporary location.

In light of this situation, many parents of Shepherd Elementary School who live in the affected area have expressed discontent to the application for temporary occupancy. Since the proposed site is within 500 feet of the school, and the impact of the JPDS on Shepherd Elementary has not been established, I therefore urge the Board to delay its decision on this proposal until the findings are completed and reported back to the DC Board of Education.

Respectfully,

Dwight Singleton

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Ward 4 Representative

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