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Good Morning, My name is Sid Moskowitz and I have been a resident of the District of Columbia my whole life. I am also a parent of a 4th grade JPDS student. I am here to wholeheartedly support the temporary move of our school to the two 16th street synogogues. JPDS is the only Jewish day school in the District and serves a large number of District families such as mine. It is important to me that my child not have to travel to Rockville or Aspen Hill Maryland to be able to receive the same education that should be made available in the District. If you listen to our opponents they do not want the school to locate in their neighborhood under any circumstances. They can cite traffic, litter or whatever. These are just excuses. Clearly, this does not seem fair to me. If we allow this to happen for whatever reason, how will schools survive in neighborhoods. They will be forced to locate in business districts or shopping malls. JPDS has bent over backwards to satisfy the legitimate concerns of our opponent. We have made solid commitments to minimize their traffic and parking concerns. Schools have every right to locate in urban areas—there is a need. I think that JPDS clearly has shown this need.

I live in the Foxhall area of northwest Washington where there are approximately 8 schools in a mile or so radius. These schools enroll children from all over the city including the Shephard Park neighborhood as well as neighboring Maryland and Virginia. We all get along. Why should only certain neighborhoods in the District absorb the bulk of these schools? I travel to neighboring areas in the District in the morning on the way to my daughter's school and pass numerous private, parochial and public schools. Is there congestion in all these areas in the morning-sure. Do we deal with it- of course. It seems like such a small price to pay for our children's education.

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