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February 24, 2000

RE: Application No. 16556

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Board of Zoning Adjustment
Suite 210
441 Fourth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Zoning Commissioner:

Subject: Request for Party Status

My name is Harold Bardonille and my address is 1623 Juniper Street, NW, Washington, DC 20012. I hereby request party status in the application for special exception to establish a private school at 7712 16th Street (Sq. 2745D Lot 802) and 7701 16th Street (Sq. 2739 Lot 804), application case number referenced above. I will appear as an opponent of the application.

I believe I should be granted party status for the following reasons.

(1) I own and occupy the property designated as lot 0004 in square 2745A on the records of the surveyor for the District of Columbia and improved by the premises known as 1623 Juniper Street, NW.

(2) My legal interest in lot 0004 in square 2745A is that of a joint tenant in fee simple absolute

(3) The distance between my property and the property that is the subject of the application before the Board is less than 150 feet.

(4) The establishment of a private school with 215 students and 32 teachers and staff in the applicant properties will create traffic and parking conditions that will adversely impact my property and thereby disrupt and extinguish the tranquil residential environment my neighbors and I cherish and expect to be protected by the zoning and land use statutes and regulations of the District of Columbia.

I base my assertion of adverse impact on the inability of the applicant properties to accommodate the number of vehicles, or to manage and control the direction and flow of such vehicles so as to prevent or minimize objectionable traffic and safety conditions in our residential neighborhood.

Increased traffic and congestion can reasonably be expected from 215 students and 32 teachers and staff traveling to and from the synagogues, which are both located at uncontrolled intersections on 16th Street.

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The traffic management plan proposed by Applicants would impede access to 16th Street from Jonquil and Juniper Streets and cause traffic congestion on Jonquil and Juniper Streets. Similarly, access to Jonquil and Juniper Streets from 16th Street would be impeded.

The plan for student loading and unloading operations would require vehicles to use the public alleys behind the synagogues and between Jonquil and Juniper Streets as one-way thoroughfares and drop-off/pickup sites, thereby blocking access of adjoining and nearby property owners to the alleys and private garages.

In addition, the proposed operation of a private school for 215 students and 32 teachers and staff at the two locations is likely to create parking problems for the adjoining and nearby property owners.

On-site parking space is extremely limited at both synagogues, Currently, there are lined spaces for 7 cars at Tiffereth Israel (and currently cars utilizing these spaces partially block the alley) and 18 cars at Ohev Sholom. We have serious reservations about the plan to reconfigure the existing spaces so that JPDS would have the number of on-site parking spaces required under 11 DCM.R 210 1.1 -- two spaces for each three teachers and other employees or 22 spaces. There is no space to create on-site parking spaces for parents and others who will regularly visit the school. Parents and visitors can be expected to park on Jonquil and Juniper Streets, thereby adversely impacting adjoining and nearby property owners.

Further, the operation of a private school for 215 students and 32 teachers in close proximity to residential property is certain to cause other objectionable conditions, including increased noise, litter and air pollution from the emission of idling vehicles. The queues that are likely to result in the alleys and adjoining streets would interfere with trash collection as well.

The planned reconfiguration of the parking spaces at both synagogues will impact their ability to dispose of and have collected the trash and garbage generated by 247 additional people each day, thereby increasing the risk of rodent infestation.

We respectfully request the right to appear and participate as a party at the hearing of this matter, which is scheduled for March 15, 2000.

Sincerely,



Harold Bardonille