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OFFICE OF ZONING
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
414 Fourth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

RE: APPLICATION #16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

We have lived and worked in the District of Columbia for almost twenty years. Our children have attended schools in the District for ten years, and we have been active members of neighborhood, community and civic associations.

We write in support of the application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital (JPDS-NC) for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street, N.W. JPDS-NC has been growing and thriving as the only Jewish day school in the District of Columbia for almost thirteen years. Its dedication to remaining within the District has led many families to remain residents here as well, and has contributed importantly to the richness and diversity of our city. The school's temporary occupancy at these two sites in Shepherd Park will insure that JPDS-NC will be able to remain an anchor for Jewish families in Washington, D.C. while the school plans and builds a permanent home in the District. We have utmost confidence in the commitment of the school and its families to work with the Shepherd Park neighborhood to address any concerns they have regarding traffic, safety, and other issues.

We urge the Board of Zoning Appeal to consider the application of JPDS-NC favorably and expeditiously to allow the school sufficient time to make its temporary quarters ready for the opening of the 2000-2001 school year.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Renee R. Matalon and Stephen H. Marcus

cc: Council Member Charlene Drew Jarvis
Council Member Kathy Patterson
Council Members at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning

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