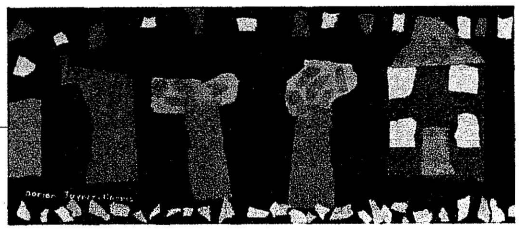
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Re: Board of Zoning Adjustment Application for The Field School
Foxhall Road, NW (the former Cafritz Estate) Case #16559

Dear Commissioner Reid:

I am the Vice President for Educational Programs at Friendship House Association and the purpose of this letter is to express my strong support for the application of The Field School to establish a private school on the former Cafritz Estate located along Foxhall Road, N.W. I have been associated with Field through its Work Internship Program. During the first two weeks of February, Field students take internships with businesses, schools, governmental agencies, arts and science organizations, and community organizations throughout the city. Through this program, students are exposed to a variety of real life experiences in working environments, learn responsibility, gain insight into cooperation and community involvement, and give back to their community.

Friendship House Association, founded in 1904, is a non-profit, multi-service, community-based social and economic development agency, committed to helping individuals, families and groups to become self-sufficient, and the community in which it is located to become one in which all families and individuals can thrive. Friendship House is located on Capitol Hill and supports individuals, families and community development in South Washington (Ward 6 and part of Ward 2), at 15 different locations.

Our mission is to help people find alternatives to life-long poverty, to counteract the breakdown in family life and to establish partnerships with individuals in the solutions to their problems. Through innovative programs, Friendship House provides goods and services to those in crisis, uses social institutions to better meet community needs, and provides advocacy family support, and education services to the poor to enable them to exercise their rights and participate effectively in community life.

Field is the kind of school in which we in the District of Columbia can take pride. They are producing well-educated young people who have been integrated into the community and understand their involvement in the wider world. Their students are of the highest caliber of young people. My experiences in working with them have been totally positive.

My experience with the Field faculty and staff has also been excellent. They are people of integrity who make every effort to be flexible and provide a personalized approach to solving problems. I have every reason to believe that they will be good neighbors and work with the neighborhood to solve any problems that might arise.

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For approximately five years, Friendship House Child Development Center has been provided with students from the Field School as a part of their work internship program.

As an organization in the District of Columbia, I believe that keeping high quality schools like Field is in the best interests of the entire community and should be encouraged. I appreciate your attention to this letter, and I ask that you approve The Field School's application.

Sincerely,

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