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Ms. Jerrily R. Kress, FAIA
Director, Board of Zoning Adjustment

Members, Board of Zoning Adjustment
Re: Case No. 16570

On June 23, 1998, Tucker Day Care Center (TDCC), was issued a certificate of occupancy, No. B00181207. The community was not aware that a day care center was going to open in mist, until a sign was displayed, announcing that they were open for business, Being the good neighbors that we are, we welcomed TDCC to our community. Almost two years from the date of their arrival, they are proposing to increase the capacity of their facility from 32 to 73 persons. Which is as increase of almost 50% over it's present level. This action calls for several questions to arise. Where are all these children coming from? Are they a spill over TDCC Prince George's location? One thing that we are sure of...they are not from this community.

Please let me emphasize that our concerns are not directed specifically against the education and the development of young children. What we are at issue about is that we are a residential community and this area can not handle the volume of people this will be coming into the community. Besides this community has over thirty day care center, which is operated by church groups, head start programs in public schools and the department of recreation. In addition there are many Mon and Pop operation in the community. This illustrates there's not a need for a day center of this magnitude in the community. Therefore, it's an injustice to have children brought in from other areas, and with them comes traffic and parking problems which is caused by the parents who drop their children off and leave their cars in the community and catch the bus downtown. This problem will grow even worse when the subway opens (2 blocks away) in early 2000.

We, are also concerned that the facility is to small to contain 65 children within it's boundary, even with 29 children public space (sidewalks) have to be used for exercise. On occasions during these (sidewalk) trips the staffers let the children get a little out of control i.e. let them pick flowers from private property, leave snack debris on the sidewalks and even let them sit on stoops and retaining walls.

We, would like to bring to your attention that a majority of the signatures that appear on TDCC petition are signatures of people that reside outside this community. My constituents should not have to live with the consequence of the opinion of those who do not live or have an invested interested in our neighborhood.

The Commissioner of ANC8E02 and Commissioners of ANC 8E give great weight to this report as required by No. 1-261, D.C. Code, 1982ed. And vote for disapproval for special exception as stated in case #16570.

Respectfully Submitted

Melvin H. Sims, Chairman
Neighborhood Advisory Commission 8E

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