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IN RESPONSE TO:
Melvin H, Sims, Chairman
Neighborhood Advisory Commission 8E

This response addresses the issues raised by Mr. Sims in his letter of May 3, 2000 to the Board of Zoning Adjustment in the case of Tucker's Day Care Center - #16570.

Mr. Sims makes assertions in his letter without regard to knowledge of or facts surrounding the petition of Tucker's Day Care Center.

1) Mr. Sims, Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner has never been inside the day care facility located at 3215-11th Street SE.
2) The number of children cited in his letter is incorrect and inconsistent with the facts Present capacity – 26 children, with expansion - 61 Total.
3) Children that will comprise the expansion are residents of the District of Columbia. There are no children from Prince George's County attending Tucker's Day Care.
4) The need for expansion is clearly needed as indicated in the Department of Human Services letter of support and further evidenced by the present waiting list of Tucker's Day Care Center.
5) The subway opening in early 2000 is seen as optimal given the need for transportation for residents in the community. Further, the subway will ease the volume of car traffic in and around the area. Tucker's Day Care Center is within walking distance from the new subway opening.
6) Tucker's Day Care Center has adequate accommodations for the expansion, having added 32 x 25 square feet with six additional bathrooms to the existing space. Tucker's Day Care Center is equipped with a full-enclosed playground.
7) The majority of signatures on the petition acquired by Tucker's Day Care Center in support of the expansion of the facility are from bona fide residents of Ward 8, with the exception of two signatures from Maryland residents who work in the community.
8) Numerous letters of support including Council Member Sandy Allen's letter of acknowledgement of the services of Tucker's Day Care Center and support for participation in the funding program offered by the District of Columbia.

It is our opinion that the positive impact of expansion and adding more care for our children far outweigh the issues raised by the ANC, many of which are incorrect and unsubstantiated. In conclusion, the Tucker's Day Care Center benefits the children, families and residents of Ward 8.

Mrs Bertha Tucker
Owner

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Exhibit No. 46

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