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DC Christian Ministries

MEMORANDUM

To: Melvin H. Sims, Commissioner
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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

As a long-time neighborhood resident, I would like to offer some observations on the proposed expansion of Tucker's Day Care. As a community leader and pastor, I believe that I can offer a unique perspective. Some observations have been voiced to me by those hesitant to share with Tucker Day Care. Following are my observations:

1. The physical expansion of the property has resulted in a site that is attractive and well-kept. No one lives there and it is closed in the evening and on weekends.

2. A rumor is being circulated that someone is trying to close down the day care. I have found no indication of this and am troubled by it.

3. There is genuine concern in the community about the proposed enrollment increase because of concern about present traffic conditions and the future impact of the opening in January, 2001, of a subway stop two blocks away.

4. Eleventh Place is part of the W-4 bus route. Since there is no stop sign at Savannah St. SE, traffic speeds up and there are accidents.

5. With the present condition, I have observed one incident when cars were double-parked in front of the day care, on both sides of the street, and a traffic jam was created which included three buses. Traffic back-ups are normal occurrences now. Off-street parking for staff would help (garage).

6. Even with present conditions, I would suggest that the day care develop a traffic plan. Perhaps a stopping area in front during their hours of operation would be helpful. Having staff members outside to receive or deliver children would hasten the time needed to stop.

7. There is some concern that the day care is essentially a place of business in a residential neighborhood.

8. Mrs. Tucker seems to run a good day care business. I believe this is an extension of one in Maryland. However, I have not sensed a sensitivity to neighborhood concerns.

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