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Government of the District of Columbia
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW
Suite 210-S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application #16611 (Kenneth Workman, Josef Straka, Carl and Elizabeth Richmond)

To the Board of Zoning Adjustment:

Per Section 3106.2 of 11DCMR, the following is our application to appear as a party:

(a) name and address: Donald Vereen and Susan Collins
2943 Upton Street, NW
Washington, DC 20008

(b) We hereby request to appear in the above named case, Application #16611.

(c) We will appear as opponents.

(d) We will appear on our own behalf.

(e) Basis for Party Status:

(1) The property at 2943 Upton Street will be affected by the action of the Board.

(2) We own and occupy this property. It is also the home of our two children.

(3) The distance between this property and the existing school (which is an essential part of the parking plan on which the application is based) is less than 130 feet. Our property is in the third single family duplex pair of houses, immediately to the east of the school.

(4) We would be severely impacted by the proposed school expansion as follows:
Traffic: Traffic congestion would worsen with the expansion. This is particularly severe during peak drop-off and pick-up hours (which correspond to hours when our family leaves for work and school). Because we live at the end of a blind alley to the east of the school, congestion from traffic and queuing of cars threatens to block us into our garages. We may also suffer from reduced air quality and additional noise due to queuing of cars around the school.
Parking: We expect a significant increase in demand for parking which is often already in excess demand. We already compete for parking with students from Howard University Law School and the Levine School of Music.
Other: Additional students will worsen other problems such as graffiti and smoking on our property.
All of these factors will reduce the value of our home and will detract from the environment in which we live.

(5) The school's proposal for expansion does not adequately address the concerns listed above. The impact of expansion on our property and our lives will be even worse if the school does not follow through on its promises - as it has failed to do in the past.

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Please provide us with confirmation regarding our status as a party in the above referenced case. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Collins

Donald R. Vereen, Jr.