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Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Case No. 16611
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REQUEST FOR PARTY STATUS
Regarding Application Number 16611
(Burke School Expansion – Workman, Straka and Richmond)

The information as required by 11 DCMR 3106.2:

Jodie Smolik
2945 Upton Street, NW
Washington, DC 20008
(202) 527-3071

- I hereby request to appear and participate as a party of Application Number 16611.
- I will appear as an opponent of the application.
- I will appear on my own behalf.

Written Statement for Party Status

The property that is affected is my residence 2945 Upton Street, NW.

I am the homeowner, along with my husband George Smolik.

My property is less than 100 feet from the school and the property that is the subject of the application before the Board. My home is east of the school and my parking garage is on a dead-end alley. My only form of egress is through the public alley adjacent to the school.

IMPACTS:

Increased traffic congestion, blocking of a public alley and safety concerns:
The Burke School expansion plan will provide significant traffic congestion on both Upton Street and in the adjacent public alley. The school's traffic impact analysis is inadequate. The school proposes to divert car queuing from Upton Street into a public alley. While the school says that it will not block the alley, their existing student drop-off plan currently blocks the alley and the proposed new plan will too.

It is important to note that the Burke School did not provide a traffic impact analysis of the alley in its application. Equally important, the public alley is the only form of egress for the six residences that are east of the school on the north side of Upton Street. (The parking garages for these residences are located in a dead-end alley.) The residents of the 4100 block of Connecticut Avenue also utilize the public alley for their parking garages and egress. The public alley is also used as a "cross street" by drivers bypassing traffic at Van Ness and Connecticut Avenue. It is

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