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Ms. Sheila Cross Reid
District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW
Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) Application 16611, Edmund Burke School – Request for Continuance

Dear Ms. Reid:

Several Burke School neighbors initiated a meeting with representatives of the Burke School on Sunday, October 29, 2000. Two ANC 3F Commissioners also participated in this meeting. During the meeting suggestions were made by the Burke School neighbors for a redesign of the Burke School's proposed expansion project that would reduce the impact of the project on Burke's residential neighbors.

On November 3, 2000, eleven days prior to the hearing, the Burke School through their attorney Mr. Phil Feola responded with Updated Plans for the project proposed in Application 16611. Mr. Feola stated that the School intends to ask the Board of Zoning Adjustment to amend Application 16611 at the November 14 public hearing to accommodate the Updated Plans. However, it was not until the evening of Friday, November 10, 2000, only three days prior to the hearing, that the traffic study accompanying the Updated Plans was made available to ANC 3F. Other interested parties and District of Columbia agencies also may not have received the updated traffic plans in a timely manner. In a November 7, 2000, letter to the BZA ANC 3F made clear that traffic issues are at the core of the neighborhood problems presented by Application 16611. Therefore, the updated traffic study is critical in evaluating and understanding the Updated Plans. We are very concerned that the updated traffic study was delivered to ANC 3F only three days prior to the hearing and may not have been received by other District of Columbia agencies and interested parties in a timely manner.

ANC 3F respectfully requests that the BZA grant a continuance on the referenced application in order to provide adequate time for review of the Updated Plans and traffic study by interested parties and District of Columbia agencies including ANC 3F, the Office of Planning, and the Department of Public Works. A continuance would provide sufficient time for ANC 3F and other District of Columbia agencies to review and analyze the plans and submit their views to the Board and to the applicant. It would also provide sufficient time for the Burke School's

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residential neighbors to review the Updated Plans and traffic study and prepare a complete and thorough response for the applicant and the BZA. A continuance would also allow time for the parties to continue to negotiate to find a compromise solution.

Discussion of traffic issues in the Updated Plans on the day of the hearing would deny the BZA the opportunity to receive a complete and thorough analysis of these plans by government agencies and interested parties. It would also provide an unfair advantage for the applicant since adequate time would not be available for parties and participants to understand the Updated Plans and traffic study and prepare their analysis. For these reasons, we respectfully request that the BZA grant the requested continuance.

Sincerely,

Phil Kogan

Phil Kogan
Commissioner, ANC 3F01

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