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OFFICE OF ZONING
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Government of the District of Columbia
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W.
Suite 210-S
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Application Number 16611 (K.Workman, Josef Straka, Carl and Elizabeth Richmond)

To the Board of Zoning Adjustment:

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

(a) Linda M. Jay
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(b) I hereby request to appear in the above named case, Application Number 16611

(c I will appear as an opponent.

(d) I will appear on my own behalf.

(e) Basis for Party Status:

(1) The property affected by the action of the Board is 2951 Upton St. N.W.

(2) This property is my home that I have owned and lived in for 15 years.

(3) My property is immediately east of the existing school.

The environmental impact of the present application on my property will be enormous, In addition to the loss of a park-like green space which presently occupies this area, including a number of majestic old trees, the prospect of a parking lot immediately adjacent to my home with a drop-off lane of traffic causing increased noise, car fumes, congestion and disruption is most disturbing. During the planned construction phase several more old, beautiful trees will suffer and die, including a Royal Star Magnolia in my backyard as well as a hardy old Maple on the parking strip. Aesthetically, this is devastating. But, I am

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also very concerned about the change in elevation necessary to develop a parking lot. Without an Environmental Impact Statement, how can one assess the adverse affect of construction and earth moving, the disruptive affect of runoff, as well as the possible erosion and damage to my home's very foundation. The cracks in walls and pavement around my home are still testimony to the shocks of the Metrorail construction several decades ago. I oppose further construction that may put my home at risk.

The economic impact is also very substantial. As a former real estate agent, I can anticipate that my home will lose considerable property value with this planned expansion. With the increased enrollment (30%) and faculty/ staff (100% - over original BZA approval of 1983) it is highly unlikely additional traffic congestion, parking problems and fumes generated as vehicles idle nearby, as well as more noise and litter will affect my home in a positive way.

The social impact is measured in a loss of space and privacy, substituting what is now a green, landscaped area for another plain grey parking lot; as well as the overall traffic pattern promoted by the school which will turn our present public alley into primarily a driveway for the school. The construction phase and eventual increase in traffic in the alley, which is the only way in and out of my property by car, will cause enormous disruption and inconvenience. In addition, I am very concerned about fire trucks and other emergency vehicles being able to access my home and the other five homes on the north side of the school while the school uses the public alley for its own purposes.

I would appreciate a confirmation regarding my request for Party Status in this application.

Sincerely yours,

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