APOSTOLIC NUNCIATURE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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The Honorable Sheila Cross Reid, Chair
District of Columbia
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, N.W., Room 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

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Dear Madame Chairperson,

I refer to the application N. 16620 of the Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan to locate a chancery in an R-1-A District at premises 2741 34th Street, N.W., and I am pleased to state as follows:

The Apostolic Nunciature is the owner of the house located at 2735 34th Street, NW., which serves as the residence for a number of members of this Mission. This property lies immediately adjacent to the proposed location for the chancery offices of the Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan. The Apostolic Nunciature also owns the large property located immediately around the corner, and within the same zoning square, at 3339 Massachusetts Ave., NW. This building contains the offices of the Nunciature as well as the residences of several other Mission members.

As residents who are a part of this neighborhood, we have a deep respect and concern for its residential character. We do not believe that the presence of an Azerbaijan Embassy's chancery at the proposed site would in any manner undermine that character or the quiet enjoyment of our residential space. We have spoken with His Excellency, Mr. Hafiz Mir Jajal Pashayev, Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan, who has briefed us as to the proposed use, which will remain that of a small diplomatic office. We also understand that the Embassy has not applied for, and has no plan to seek any external construction or modification. Thus the distinctly residential appearance of the building in question will not he altered. In short, as neighborhood residents, we support the location of the Azerbaijan Embassy's chancery adjacent at premises 2741 34th Street, N.W.

With cordial regards and best wishes, I remain,

Truly yours,

+ Gabriel Montalvo

Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo
Apostolic Nuncio

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