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Director
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441 4th St NW
Washington , DC 20001

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RE: BZA Application #16668
Latin American Youth Center

Dear Ms Kress,

You will find enclosed the Resolution of ANC 1A regarding the above BZA Application #16668 for A Community Arts Center at 3035 15th St NW.

A presentation by Lori Kaplan, Executive Director of the LAYC was made on March 3 at the ANC Special Meeting for which due notice was given and a quorum present, with seven commissioners in attendance.

The Commission voted to adopt this Resolution at its March 21, 2001 Special Meeting , for which due notice was given and a quorum (6) present. There were eight commissioners in attendance (of 10) , and the vote was 7 in favor with one abstention.

The issues and concerns of ANC 1A are reflected in the recommendations stipulated in the Resolution . Ms Kaplan indicated that all of these conditions were acceptable to the LAYC, including the establishment of a Community Advisory Board.

Elizabeth McIntire, Single Member District Representative for 1A03 in which the subject property is located, is authorized to present the report.

Thank you for your consideration of the ANC's recommendations in this matter.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth McIntire
Chair, ANC 1A

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ANC 1A RESOLUTION – RE: BZA APPLICATION #16668

Whereas, the Latin American Youth Center (LAYC) is located within the boundaries of ANC 1A and serves a number of youth and families in the neighborhood of Columbia Heights;

Whereas, their program needs have increased beyond the capacity of the headquarters building at 1419 Columbia Rd NW, and they propose to establish a community arts center at a presently vacant house at 3035-15th St NW;

Whereas, the staff at this new location have access to parking off-site (2 blocks away), and program participants are likely to be community residents who would walk or use public transportation to reach the center, and the impact on street parking would be minimal;

Therefore, ANC 1A resolves to support the application for special exceptions to permit the LAYC to use the property for a Community Arts Center, and to permit a variance from the parking requirements, with the following requests:

1. Staff shall be directed to use LAYC's already established parking arrangements in connection with the headquarters building at 1419 Columbia Rd (not on-street parking on 15th Street);
2. Advertisements of events at the new facility shall state the proximity to the Columbia Heights Metro, and local bus routes;
3. Access to the outdoor theatre shall be secure from after-hours use;
4. The LAYC shall accept a representative of the ANC, or a resident designated by the ANC, on their "Community Advisory Board", or in any case keep ANC 1A informed of the continuing progress on their 15th Street properties.

This resolution was approved at ANC 1A's meeting on March 14, 2001, for which due notice was given and a quorum(6) present, with 8 commissioners in attendance, by a vote of 7 to 0 . Chair Elizabeth McIntire is authorized by the Commission to present this report.

Elizabeth McIntire
Chair

Regina Upchurch
Secretary