Exhibit B to St. Columba's Episcopal Church Request for Minor Modification of Special Exception No. 16098

STATEMENT OF EXISTING AND INTENDED USE OF BUILDING

On May 2, 1966, the Board, by a vote of 4-0, approved the subject Special Exception for a period of 10 years. As approved, the Special Exception allows St. Columba's, a church and related facilities, to operate a child development center on the premises for up to 90 children. Staff shall not exceed 16, with no more than 14 teachers on site at any time. Hours of operation are limited to 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. In connection with this approval, St. Columba's has obtained a license to operate a child development facility for children ages 3-4 in the District, and a certificate of occupancy for this use of their premises. A copy of the current license and Certificate of Occupancy is included. Exhibit E.

The requested modification will change none of the foregoing. The number of children on site, the number of staff, and the hours of operation will remain the same. The only condition to the special exception affected by this request is Condition 3, which currently reads as follows:

> 3. The hours of operation shall not exceed 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The center shall conduct classes for children between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. An extended day program may be conducted until 2:30 p.m.

The sole change requested is the deletion of the second and third sentences of this condition. Putting aside whether this minor change implicates the full hearing process, St. Columba's does not wish to initiate any program changes that could be construed by anyone as in violation of its Special Exception. The modification would ensure that St. Columba's may lawfully employ greater flexibility in the arrangement of classes and day care programs within the approved hours of operation, so long as it does not exceed either the approved staff level or the overall limit on the number of children on site at any given time.

The modification St. Columba's seeks is prompted by requests from neighbors to enroll their children in St. Columba's preschool. For school year 2001-2002, St. Columba's was unable to take 53% of its applicants (68 children). Many of the parents whose children had to be turned away indicated their strong support for an afternoon classroom session not limited to day care. St. Columba's is concerned that the current language in Condition 3, however, might be interpreted to preclude St. Columba's from honoring these requests, even if there is no violation of the currently established operating hours, staff size and overall limit on the number of students on site at given time. St. Columba's believes that if it can respond to neighborhood demands for changes in its program that are consistent with the overall parameters of the Special Exception, such adjustments will enhance its effectiveness as a neighborhood preschool, thereby contributing to solving the current shortage of preschool capacity in Northwest Washington.

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Included as a separate Exhibit in support of the application is an item-by-item update of how the St. Columba's preschool is now meeting and will continue to meet the 10 criteria for child development center special exceptions, as set forth in 11 DCMR § 205. Exhibit F.