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Board of Zoning Adjustment
Chairman Geoffrey Griffis
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Re: BZA No. 16852

I am writing in support of efforts by St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School to open an upper school in the building located at 4925 MacArthur Boulevard. I am a resident of the District of Columbia and have been for more than a quarter of a century and I've become increasingly frustrated with District citizens who seem to oppose any changes in their neighborhood – from new residences to schools to even the expansion of a food market (i.e. the Giant on Wisconsin Avenue in Cleveland Park). There seems to be no end and the tactics of those in opposition are often vicious and militant. These are improvements in our city and they should be encouraged

I get especially upset over the opposition to schools for we're talking here about the future of our children and the future of the city itself. What is the problem with neighborhood schools? And St. Patrick's is taking over a building in need of renovation. Administrators of the school, I'm told, have also made efforts to appease concerns of those living near the building.

I strongly urge you to take whatever steps necessary to see this project go forward. It would be a shame and a disgrace for the opponents of change to succeed.

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