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Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

RE: BZA Application No. 16852
St. Patrick's School – 4925 MacArthur Blvd., N.W.

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board:

I am writing in support of St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School's application to place a seventh and eighth grade program at 4925 MacArthur Boulevard, N.W.

I live in Foxhall Village, and consider myself part of the Palisades community. My husband and I patronize all of the businesses on the MacArthur Boulevard corridor, have participated in the youth programs at the Palisades Branch Library, and have sent our two children to a Palisades preschool and on to St. Patrick's. We even march in the Palisades Fourth of July Parade!

Palisades and the nearby neighborhoods have several excellent elementary schools, but there is a definite need for middle school opportunities. I am pleased that St. Patrick's, which until recently ended at grade six, is attempting to address this need. It will give local families the possibility of continuing their children's education in the neighborhood until they are ready for high school.

Having attended the Palisades Community Association and ANC meetings on this subject, I feel that St. Patrick's demonstrated their ability to be a good neighbor and a benefit to the community. With a spirit of understanding and compromise, they have thoughtfully addressed every concern expressed. It is for these reasons that I urge you to support their application.

Sincerely,

Lori Harrop
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Washington, DC 20007

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