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Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Re: BZA Application # 16852, St. Patrick's School – 4925 MacArthur Blvd.

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board:

I live less than a mile from 4925 MacArthur Boulevard. Although my children are grown, I am still concerned about the educational opportunities my neighborhood affords its families. I recognize the need St. Patrick's is trying to fill and I support the school's application to use the house at 4925 MacArthur Boulevard for a seventh and eighth grade program.

The Palisades has traditionally supported education within its community. Many schools have been located here for decades: Key Elementary, Georgetown Day School and St. Patrick's. Palisades is a wonderful community for families. It maintains a Recreation Center, boasts a swimming program at the Lab School and hosts a Fourth of July Parade annually. As a grandparent, I would like to see that tradition continue. I believe it benefits my grandchildren (who also live in the Palisades), the children in the community and the neighborhood as a whole.

I am pleased and impressed with the effort St. Patrick's has made to ensure that its presence will have no negative impacts on the community. I believe the shuttle bus proposal will avoid traffic congestion on Ashby Street. In addition, it is without question that noise will be reduced in the evening by changing the house's use from the night uses by the Psychoanalytic Society to the day use as a middle school.

Lastly, I am pleased that St. Patrick's will be preserving the existing building and open green space on the site. I believe this is vastly preferable to the alternative, which is several homes on a subdivided lot.

Therefore, for all the aforementioned reasons, I whole-heartedly lend my support to St. Patrick's application.

Sincerely,

Mary Kyriakoudis

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CC Chairman John Finney, ANC 3D

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