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Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, Suite 210
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RE: BZA Application No. 16852
St. Patrick's School – 4925 MacArthur Blvd.

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board:

As a parent, resident of the Palisades and teacher at St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School, I strongly support the proposed use of 4925 MacArthur Boulevard by St. Patrick's School.

St. Patrick's promotes excellence in both academic achievement and moral values. Young people at St. Patrick's learn to "think globally and act locally" in understanding and caring for their community. Please remember that St. Patrick's is offering a strict set of conditions to reduce any negative impacts on the neighborhood. The proposed Grade 7 and 8 campus will be a small division of St. Patrick's and will likely cause only very minimal disruptions to the residential area.

St. Patrick's has developed an outstanding program that provides young adolescents with a strong sense of community and purpose. Honesty, responsibility, kindness and respect are characteristics we foster in all our children and youth. Many families, including my own, welcome this program in the Palisades. This school will give Palisades parents increased educational options. It will be especially valuable to parents who seek a small school at the middle school level or who are looking for a Christian education for their children. Palisades children and teachers will be able to walk to this school. This addition will be a wonderful asset to our Palisades community. Please don't make families travel to the suburbs to get the education their children deserve. I urge you to approve St. Patrick's application.

Sincerely,

Barbara Zangler

Barbara Zangler
Palisades Resident
Teacher of Grade 7,
St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School

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