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

Re: **BZA Application No. 16852**
St. Patrick's School - 4925 MacArthur Blvd.

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board:

As a 16-year resident of the Palisades community, I am writing to express my support of the proposed use of 4925 MacArthur Boulevard by St. Patrick's School. There are several schools in the community that are on dense residential blocks, including the Little Red Schoolhouse, the Community Preschool of the Palisades and the Key School. I believe that schools, particularly smaller schools, provide a positive contribution to the life of residential neighborhoods.

In fact, I live directly across the street from the Community Preschool of the Palisades, and find that schools can be very good and highly desirable neighbors. For example, St. Patrick's plan to disallow student pickup or drop-off at the site is an actual improvement over the current traffic situation with The Psychoanalytic Society's use of the property.

I would like to note that the subject proposal represents an opportunity to preserve and restore the existing building and maintain the existing open space. There has been significant residential development along MacArthur Boulevard in recent years. I welcome the opportunity to preserve significant open space on the avenue and maintain the historical character of the boulevard with this proposed use.

Therefore, for all the reasons stated above, I strongly support St. Patrick's application.

Sincerely,

L A Vitella

Linda Vitella
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