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4919 Ashby Street
Washington, D.C. 20007

April 15, 2002

Mr. Geof Griffis, Chairman
D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W.
Suite 210S
Washington, DC 20001

**Re: Withdrawal of Request for Party Status for Application No. 16852**

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board:

The purpose of this letter is to withdraw our request for party status dated March 29, 2002 and filed with the Board on April 1, 2002 and note that we are no longer in opposition to this application. In our original request, we noted that in the event that the District Government eliminates any parking on Ashby Street as a result of the St. Patrick's School proposal, we will be extremely and adversely affected since we have no off-street parking associated with our house. Our house is the only property on Ashby Street that does not have a driveway, therefore we are uniquely affected.

After discussing our unique situation with St. Patrick's School, the school agreed that in the event that the District of Columbia requires the removal of any parking on Ashby Street as a result of its use, it will pay all costs associated with the construction of a driveway to benefit our property. We request that the Board recognize the school's commitment in this regard and include, as a condition of the order, the school's written agreement to pay the costs associated with the construction of a driveway in the event that the proposed use results in the removal of any parking spaces on Ashby Street.

In addition, we are aware of the School's offer of a binding covenant that would restrict maximum enrollment on the site to 60 students. We have requested that the school name us as beneficiaries of such a covenant. Such a covenant will offer broad protection for the neighborhood in light of concerns about future expansion. We request that the Board condition its approval on the recordation of such a covenant for our benefit.

Very truly yours,

Reva J. Hamilton

Michael Italiano

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