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

Dear Chairman Griffis and Board Members:

I am writing to offer my support for St. Patrick's School's application to place its middle school at 4925 MacArthur Blvd. I am pleased that St. Patrick's plans to preserve the existing house and the open space at this site.

During recent years, much of the open space along MacArthur Blvd. has been filled in by development. The proposed St. Patrick's site is one of the few remaining parcels that has not been subdivided for residential development. While new houses are exciting, there is a high value placed on the maintenance of open space when feasible.

I am glad to see St. Patrick's plan for this site. I am a teacher and I understand the value of good space in a comfortable environment and how tremendously it can impact the learning of students. I believe placement of the middle school there will benefit the neighborhood. I am glad St. Patrick's has chosen to try to meet educational needs here while contributing to the neighborhood's preservation at the same time. Therefore, I urge you to support their application.

Sincerely,

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