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Re: Case 16852- BZA Application of St.Patrick's Episcopal Day School

Dear Board Members:

Please do not approve the special exception requested by St.Patrick's Episcopal Day School to establish a prospective satellite campus on Ashby St., NW.

I intended to testify at the October 8th meeting on this case, but it lasted until too late in the evening for me to attend.

As a home-owner, I have lived on V St. since 1981, between the current location of St.Patrick's School and its proposed expansion site. I have seen school-related street parking and traffic increase enormously during the past two decades as the private schools in the Palisades have expanded. I use the Lab School's swimming pool and gym as a community member several days each week, walking three blocks from home partly along Whitehaven Parkway. Whitehaven has no sidewalks (like most Palisades side streets), so is a menace for pedestrians, because cars park on both sides and automotive traffic is extremely congested in the morning and afternoon when parents deliver or fetch their children from both St.Patrick's School and to a lesser amount, the Lab School. I dread the possibility that this traffic congestion will move from Whitehaven, a non-residential street almost exclusively populated by educational institutions, westward to residential Ashby Street, and all of our streets in between, if the St.Patrick's School expansion is approved.

Although St.Patrick's School claims that students would be bused between the main campus and Ashby Street, given human nature, it is very feasible that parental transportation will go directly to Ashby Street. Also, having St.Patrick's School buses traversing the neighborhood throughout each weekday inevitably would be an unwelcome traffic congestant in the vicinity of my house.

I believe that St Patrick's School reasonably can find a more appropriate location for its junior high campus. If you have any questions, please call me: 202-337-1109.

Sincerely,

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