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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 Griffs and Members of the Board:

I have been a resident in the Palisades community for the past 35 years. I have also owned and operated my pre-school for 2 and 3 year olds for the past 18 years. I strongly recognize the need for educational opportunities for children in the Palisades neighborhood. Therefore I write in support of St. Patrick's School's application to place a program containing grades seven and eight on the property at 4925 MacArthur Boulevard.

I have been extremely saddened over the past few years with neighbors who are approaching retirement or have retired and who seem to have developed an attitude against schools and even against children on their block. Also, it is disappointing that some new neighbors do not seem to see what truly is best for the whole community, rather than worry about their own minor inconveniences.

In these tragic times we need to nurture and protect our precious children and make sure they have safe and near by environments to attend school. We should all be embracing schools in our community and support what they stand for, especially when they try so hard to work with their neighbors so there will be little to no impact on them.

I am also thrilled to see that St. Patrick's will be preserving the existing building and open space on the MacArthur Blvd. site. This is vastly preferred to the alternative , which is several homes built on a subdivided lot. Over the past 35 years I have seen many green spaces disappear as many very large homes have been built on small lots.

I urge you to support St. Patrick's School application.

Sincerely,

Barbara Allan

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