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

RE: BZA Application No. 16915
Barbara Schriever Allan – 2828 Hurst Terrace, NW

Dear Sir:

As a lifelong resident of our city, and a former 27 year resident of the Palisades neighborhood, I write to you in full and enthusiastic support of the above referenced BZA application. I am also a parent of three young children who benefited greatly from the uniquely nurturing environment found every day at Barbara's Montessori School and have very fond memories of our time there.

As you are aware, the population of the District of Columbia has stabilized and may in fact be growing. Many of the people in this dynamic are families with children who need to have access to a wide range of educational communities. Barbara's has been in continual operation since 1984 as a community based, neighborhood Montessori school. She has a reputation for understanding, nurturing and communicating with children in ways that help them grow during their critical, early-life stages. This small school serves a very important purpose and is a neighborhood amenity.

Barbara would like to pass on her tradition to the care of Christine Lonergan who would be a fantastic successor. Christine is a well-regarded educator in her own right, a Palisades resident and a caring, fun and knowledgeable person whom I know personally and to whom I have charged the responsibility of my children. I can recommend her highly.

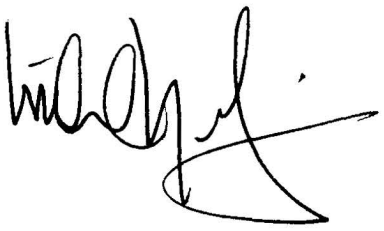
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Please support the continuation of this wonderful neighborhood institution, preferably for many years to come, and vote in favor of Barbara's application and thus in favor of Barbara's Montessori. We need this school, in these unsure times, for our children.

Sincerely Yours,



Michael K. Gewirz

cc: Chairman John Finney & ANC Commissioners
Barbara Allan