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Geoffrey Griffis,
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, Suite 210
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Re: BZA Application No. 16915
Barbara Schriever Allan - 2828 Hurst Terrace, NW

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board,

I am writing in support of Barbara Allan's application to continue operation of her child development centre at 2828 Hurst Terrace. As a resident in the nearby community of Wesley Heights for the past 4 years,two of my three young children have had the privilege of receiving their early years education from Barbara and her excellent team.

As an expatriate resident I have found Barbara's to be an invaluable aid to my family's settling in to the community. The children they have met at her center are also the ones they see at the local playgrounds and other local community activities. To have a school within walking distance of ones home when you have very small children is a blessing. It would be a tragedy if the 18 years of work that Barbara has put in to this center is discarded due to the complaints of some of her immediate neighbours.

I confess to being rather bemused by these complaints. My own observation over the last 4 years of dropping off and picking up my children at Barbara's is that she runs a very strict carpool line with the utmost concern for her neighbours. The line of cars is not more than 4 at a time and the childen are taken from and put in the cars quickly and efficiently with the aid of her staff. I would guess that if the neighbours have a complaint about traffic it must relate to the increased traffic around Hurst Terrace due to the construction work at Key School. More cars were circling round the block looking for parking spaces. However, this has NOTHING to do with Barbara's center and with the completion of the Key School renovation work I am sure that this will be resolved.

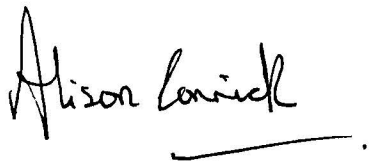
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Barbara Allan's child development center is so popular within the local community that it runs by word of mouth and is still oversubscribed every year. She counts among her staff members those who sent their own children there many years ago. Indeed, some of the very neighbours who are now complaining sent their own children to Barbara. How sad if they are the ones to close it down now they have no need for it. It speaks volumes for their sense of "community".

I fully support Barbara's application and the future transfer to Christine Lonergan and urge you to continue the special exception for many years to come.

Yours sincerely,



Alison Connick
cc. Barbara Allan