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Chairman Geoffrey Griffis
Board of Zoning Adjustment
re: BZA application #16915

Dear Chairman Griffis,

My husband and I have lived in the Palisades neighborhood for over twenty years. Our three children, now 17, 14, and ll years old each attended Barbara's Montessori School when they were two and three years old. I've always maintained that my children developed their enthusiasm for "school" by starting out at Barbara's. They were so happy and dearly cared for there and we were so pleased to have such a high-caliber preschool just minutes from our house.

Barbara Allan was adamant at the beginning of every school year that we parents should be cognizant and considerate of her neighbors during the brief (no more than 15 minutes) drop-off and pick-up times. In my six years of delivering and retrieving my children, I never once saw a neighbor inconvenienced--especially since these small carpool lines were at non-commuting times. I just can't conceive of what these neighbors find so objectionable.

But more importantly, Barbara Allan's Montessori School is a jewel. To have a preschool of this stature in our neighborhood, in our community is a blessing beyond words (as it has been for hundreds of children) and it should be regarded with respect and with the minimal indulgence it is seeking. I think we, in the community, should do everything we can to keep such a quality preschool in the neighborhood where it has thrived for 18 years.

Barbara Allan is a lovely, warm, and considerate person. I respect her and the way she has created and maintained the caliber of her preschool.I have not formally met Christine Lonergan, however I have seen her many times in the neighborhood with her adorable daughters. Her credentials are outstanding and she is a perfect fit for this transaction. My whole family, whole-heartedly supports their request for a continuance of the special exemption permit. We must hold on to quality education when we have it in the palm of our hand.

Sincerely,

Kate McClintic

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