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Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman
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RE: BZA Application No. 16915
Barbara Schriever Allan 2828 Hurst Terrace, N.W.

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board:

We have been residents of the Palisades community for the past ten years. Our family was fortunate enough to enjoy nursery school for both of our young boys at Barbara's Montoessori School. We are distressed and saddened to learn that a few of Barbara's neighbors are objecting to the renewal of the special exception permit which would allow the continuation of this excellent early childhood education facility under the guidance of Christine Lonergan. It is especially disconcerting that some of the very neighbors posing objection sent their own children to Barbara's school. It seems unfair that now that they have reached a different stage in their lives that they should object to younger families enjoying the same benefit of this Montessori School in our community.

Our children attend Key Elementary School and we recognize that the traffic congestion due to the construction at the school has been a difficulty for the surrounding neighbors. The new entrance to Key School however is now on Eskridge Terrace and this should relieve traffic concerns on Hurst Terrace. We believe that there is an increasing need for early childhood programs in the Palisades as our community continues to attract young families. We fully support both Barbara Allan and Christine Lonergan and urge you to continue the special zoning exception for many years to come.

Very Sincerely,

Maureen Warren Pelham

Peter Pelham and Maureen Warren Pelham

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