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Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Re: BZA Application No 16915
Barbara Allan—2828 Hurst Terrace, NW

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board:

I am writing in strong support of Barbara Allan's application to continue operation of her preschool at 2828 Hurst Terrace NW. I firmly believe the issue is not whether the school should continue to operate—it absolutely should--but how best to take the children to and pick them up from school.

I have lived in Foxhall Village for 8 years and chose Barbara's school last year for my then 3-year-old son; now 4, he is enrolled there for the coming school year. Although Barbara does not advertise, her small school has an excellent reputation among local parents and elementary schools. There are so many young children in the greater Palisades areas that getting into the limited preschool slots is harder than getting into college. Barbara provides a much-needed service to our area and has done so for 18 years. I understand that *some of the opposing neighbors sent their children to Barbara's school when they were young!*

I'm sure Hurst Terrace neighbors have had to endure the sounds of construction at the Key School this past year and streets blocked by large trucks—I know—I too have had to wiggle around them when dropping my son off to school. But let's put the "traffic" caused by *Barbara's* school in perspective: this is a 3-hour, morning nursery-school program with a maximum of 23 students on any given day, some of whom are siblings or neighbors riding together or those who walk to school! Responsible teachers efficiently whisk them out of their carseats and into school around 9 am and vice versa around 12 noon. If the line is unacceptable to the neighbors, then let's talk about alternative ways of getting the children inside rather than about shutting down a long-standing Palisades school.

Please allow Barbara Allan and Christine Lonergan to continue to run Barbara's Montessori School now and in the future.

Sincerely,

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