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Chairperson Geoffrey Griffis
Government of the District of Columbia
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 220
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Attention: Sherri Pruitt, Secretary

RE: **Application of Bennett Beauty Institute**, pursuant to 11 DCMR 3103.2, for a variance from the use provisions to establish a trade school having 250 students and 24 teachers/staff under subsection 330.5, and a variance to allow 50 children in a child development center under subsection 330.5(d), and a variance from the off-street parking requirements under section 2102, in the R-4 District at premises 700 Monroe Street, N.E. (Square 3657, Lot 827).

Dear Chairperson Griffis:

I write to inform you that the officers and members of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5C (ANC 5C) met on Tuesday, March 4, 2003 at its regular monthly forum to consider, among other issues, the above-referenced application. For the record, please note that this meeting was held at the NoMa Center, 64 New York Avenue, N.E.; that the public was given timely notice of the date, location and hours of the gathering; and that a quorum of our membership was present and voting at the time that a decision was made concerning the issue. In brief, ANC 5C voted to extend its unanimous support to the applicant in this matter and, as such, respectfully requests that the Board of Zoning Adjustment grant to the applicant the special relief that it is requesting.

To our knowledge, there is no community opposition to the applicant's desire to relocate the Bennett Beauty Institute to premises 700 Monroe Street, N.E. and, in general, we view their move as well as their expansion as a "win-win-win situation," i.e., for the community, for the Institute, and for the host of students that they routinely equip with marketable skills both now and into the foreseeable future. Indeed, the owners of the Institute have been responsible and productive businesspersons in the 5C community for many many years and we wish them well in this, there most recent enterprise.

On behalf of ANC 5C, I would like to thank the members of the BZA for deferring your decision-making in this case and for allowing us an additional window of time in order to hear from the applicant, consider the merits of his application, and then transmit our comments to

you. As indicated, the application enjoys our unanimous support. Finally, we thank you in advance for giving our position on this matter the "great weight" to which it is entitled.

Yours truly,

James D. Berry, Jr.
Chairperson

JDB