2950 Van Ness Tenants' Association, Inc.
The Consulate
2950 Van Ness Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Van Ness South Tenants' Association, Inc.
Van Ness South
3003 Van Ness Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

June 30, 2003

Mr. Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, N.W., Suite 210-S
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Mr. Griffis:

On behalf of the residents of the Consulate and Van Ness South, the 2950 Van Ness Tenants' Association, Inc. and the Van Ness South Tenants' Association, Inc.(VNSTA) would like to apply jointly for party status in BZA Application Number 17022, the Edmund Burke School.

The 2950 Van Ness Tenants' Association, Inc. is a non-profit corporation in the District of Columbia, representing the residents of the 269-unit Consulate, located within 200 feet of the proposed expansion. The Van Ness South Tenants' Association, Inc. is a non-profit corporation in the District of Columbia, whose members are tenants residing in the 625-unit Van Ness South, located directly across the street from the Consulate.

Both Associations believe our residents are more aggrieved than the general public and that we offer a different prospective of the application than the residents on Upton Street or Tilden Street. Both residential buildings will be directly impacted by the expansion of the Edmund Burke School. Van Ness Street has become an extension of the Burke School campus in terms of traffic and noise with our street and building driveways being used as a parent pick-up and drop-off site. Because of the alley system, our street has become a convenient access route to the school for buses, students, teachers and parents. Both buildings will have views of the proposed bridge across the public alley; and, in addition Van Ness South has become an extension of the Burke School campus with students using its grounds as a lunch, smoking, and recreational area.

The 2950 Van Ness Tenants' Association, Inc. and the Van Ness South Tenants' Association are opposed to BZA Application 17022. We have not determined yet whether legal counsel will be hired to represent the Associations .

Sincerely,

Michael Karlin

Michael Karlin, President
2950 Van Ness Tenants' Association, Inc.

Carol Woodard

Carol Woodard, Secretary
Van Ness South Tenants' Association, Inc.

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