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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Latin American Youth Center (LAYC), I am pleased to write this letter of support for Asian American LEAD's (AALEAD) application (#17080) for a special exception to allow the establishment of their community center under Section 209 at 1323 Girard Street, NW.

The LAYC is a multicultural community based organization that supports youth and families in their determination to live, work and study with dignity, hope and joy. The LAYC achieves its mission by providing comprehensive and culturally sensitive social supports, opportunities in education and employment and through advocacy and social enterprise

As Executive Director of LAYC, I have worked closely with AALEAD since its inception. AALEAD is a child- and family-centered organization that acts as a safe haven for low-income Vietnamese, Amerasian, and Chinese children and families that live in Mt. Pleasant, Columbia Heights, and Shaw. Their presence in the neighborhood is a strong influence for positive change, and provides quality educational, mentoring, and family strengthening programs. AALEAD is well-respected by many community leaders, and enthusiastically seeks community involvement in all its activities. The LAYC partners with AALEAD in many neighborhood activities and we recognize their importance to the Asian American community in the District of Columbia. Their existence as an anchor organization in our community is crucial to the well-being of youth and families in our community.

It is my sincere hope that you will give special consideration to this application. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (202) 319-8642.

Sincerely,
Lori Kaplan
Lori Kaplan
Executive Director

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