GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Transportation Policy and Planning Administration

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Director
Office of Zoning

From: Kenneth G. Laden

Date: February 20, 2004

Re: **BZA No. 17143 – Special Exception to Allow for the Continuance of a Private School Located at 502 East Capitol Street, NE, Square 840, Lot 23 in the CAP/R-4 District**

The applicant, Marquette University, seeks to continue the use of the subject site, the Les Aspin Center for Government (Center), for students enrolled in the University's congressional internship program. The use of the site was previously approved in BZA Order No. 16459 on September 22, 1999 for a period of four years. This report addresses the transportation impacts of the proposal.

The Center, located within a four-story townhouse, is located at 5th and East Capitol Street, NE within the Capitol Hill community. The area is comprised of townhouses and small-scale businesses. The Center's hours of operation are Tuesday and Thursday between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. Classes are held in the basement for approximately 3.5 hours a day. Other activities at the Center occur sporadically. Occasional lectures are held after 5:00 p.m. on a irregular basis, and once a quarter the basement is used to host a meeting from the board of visitors, a group of 20 or so persons who contributed to the purchase of the site and other activities for Marquette University.

The Center has two staff persons who use nearby off-street parking spaces. Students enrolled in the internship program are provided with separate housing within walking distance of the Center. The students are not permitted to have vehicles in the District of Columbia while enrolled in the program. The infrequent events listed above require the use of additional on-street and off-street parking spaces.

The previous approval in BZA Order No. 16459 stipulated seven conditions that the applicant seeks to continue. The enrollment will be limited to an average of 20 persons, the hours of operation shall remain between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. permitting irregular lectures and meetings, no student will receive assistance in obtaining a Zone-6 RPP sticker or temporary on-street parking permit, the premises will only be used for official receptions and uses of the Center, the applicant will establish a liaison with ANC-6A and

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attend ANC-6A meetings at least once a year, the applicant will use its best efforts to supervise the conduct of its students and finally approval will last for a period of four years.

The use will not create objectionable or dangerous traffic conditions or significantly impact on-street parking supply. Accordingly, DDOT has not objection to the proposal, and supports extending the approval period to ten years if the Board deems the applicants continues to satisfy all conditions of BZA Order No. 16459.

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