GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Jerrily R. Kress FAIA
Director
Board of Zoning Adjustment

FROM: Stanley Jackson
Director

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SUBJECT: Board of Zoning Adjustment No. 17143 – Special Exception under Section 206.1 of 3104.1 to allow the Continued Use of the Basement of 502 East Capitol Street NE (Square 840, Lot 23) as a Private School for Twenty Students and Two Staff Persons in an R-4 District

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As requested in a Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) memorandum of February 9, 2004, the DC Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed the above referenced Board of Zoning Adjustment Application, supports approval of the requested special exception, and offers the following reasons in support based upon the specific information presented in the application:

1. The Les Aspin Center (Center) is presently operating under a special exception approved under BZA Order No. 16459 dated March 17, 2000.

2. BZA Order No.16459 was approved under the requirements of 206.1, after the applicant demonstrated that the Center was not likely to become objectionable to adjoining property because of noise, traffic, or number of students, and that parking space was provided off-street for the two staff members of the Center.

3. The Center has operated for nearly four years without incident under the conditions established in BZA Order No. 16459. The conditions included operating the school programs during 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm, having occasional lectures in the evening, and having occasional official receptions for the school.

4. The Center is requesting extension of the current special exception approved under BZA Order No.16459 and is willing to abide by the same conditions placed on the previous special exception approval.

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