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May 5, 2004

The Honorable Adrian M. Fenty
Ward 4 Councilmember
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 506
Washington, D.C. 20004

RE: 17163 - Application of Amazing Life Games Pre-School Inc., pursuant to 11 DCMR § 3104.1, for a special exception to establish a child development center (28 children, 4 staff, and one or two parent volunteers) under section 205, in the R-1-B District at premises 1309 Farragut Street, N.W. (Square 2806, Lot 76).

Dear Councilmember Fenty:

This letter is to express our disapproval of having a special exception granted to Amazing Life Games Pre-School (ALG) to relocate to 1309 Farragut Street. As you may already know, we currently have **four** non-profits located on the 1300 block of Farragut Street: **West Elementary School, Y.O.U.R. Community Center, Macedonia Church, and Maranatha Gospel Hall**, in addition to the **Kingsbury School** at the upper end facing our block. We currently have very limited and restricted parking due to West Elementary School's safety concerns, and, the frequent use of these four non-profit facilities on weekends, coupled with restricted parking twice weekly during street cleaning season, overly burdens our residents as it is. Bear in mind that we have within a one-block radius **St. Paul AME Church**, **Mount Zion Baptist Church**, the **Ideal School**, and **St. Luke's Church**. We're living with these organizations as neighbors along with the traffic and parking problems they bring. Additionally, during the summer in particular, we have experienced late night disturbances at West School's basketball court, and, once school ends, we have every reason to expect some kind of noise after dark.

Mr. Fenty, we have more than our fair share of non-profits on this one block. We have met with our neighbors, those living on and around the block, and found that the majority of the residents desire to keep 1309 as a single-family residential dwelling. Some of these neighbors are senior citizens who have lived on the block for over 30 years. Some are handicapped and have special needs and want to have a quiet street. The ANC-4C commissioners have already considered the request and do not support the proposed use of this residence for this purpose.

ALG has already proven to be uncaring neighbors as we have observed contractors working to renovate the facility without posted permits and during irregular hours (11:30 pm). We do not think that a pre-school is an appropriate use of this house and it should remain a residential-only dwelling.

Sincerely,

Charles & Marcia Morrow

cc: **District of Columbia Office of Zoning**
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