The Rhad Trust

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Government of the District of Columbia
Office of Zoning
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Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: **Case 17269**

To Whom It May Concern:

This is in response to a letter of notice dated November 12, 2004, from Jerrily R. Kress, F.A.I.A, Director. The property at 4616 Van Ness Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., abuts on the same alley as does Evangelical Arabic Baptist Church, 4605 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.

The back corner of 4616 Van Ness Street, N.W. is 90 feet from the back corner of 4605 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.

The Rhad Trust is a family trust, the holder of legal title to 4616 Van Ness Street, N.W. I am the trustee. The property is currently occupied by Virginia M. Shanklin and in the near future I will be joining my wife there.

The church fronts on Massachusetts Avenue and any queue of automobiles for picking up or dropping children will be both difficult and potentially dangerous due to the heavy traffic already augmented in part by The Washington College of Law, American University, now located two blocks further west on Massachusetts Avenue.

Moreover, the alley is sometimes blocked by repairmen unable to park on Massachusetts Avenue or Van Ness Street. Many of the houses in the immediate area have two car garages on the alley. Playing "musical cars(sic)" in the alley is already a way of life on this roughly triangular piece of the District.

Twenty five children will need a place for outdoor play on occasion. There is no such attribute to the church property *per se*. Is this plan a prelude to buying the adjacent home and tearing it down for a play yard? A play yard with that many children is not a quiet scene; the houses even closer to the church will sustain that noise.

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As my professional schedule will preclude a personal appearance at the hearing on January 11, 2005, please accept this letter as a statement of objection to the special exception.

We will be in the city later in January 2005.

Sincerely yours,

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