To: Office of Zoning
Fr: Crystal Hill - owner of property near Day Care
Ref: Objection to expansion of Day Care at Newcome Street application # 17280
Dt: Jan 15, 2005

I am objecting to expansion for the following reasons:

(A) Inadequate present facility related to A. play area, B. garbage and trash receptacles (C) Current facility is a drain on Current neighborhood in having provided a haven for Rats due to negligent behavior of owners at least over the last five years.

I am a retired high school science teacher who knows what quality Child Care is about. The following narrative is based partly on my educational working experience & is based partly on the fact that I have been a licensed real

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estate broker in 4 states for the past 10 years.

For the past at least 5 years the present owners have allowed garbage and ~~trash~~ to pile up in the yard without either adequate Containers + have created a habitat for rats & breed. How do I know? I fought about rats - surveyed the neighborhood to ascertain the problem and saw the above for myself. Vector Control from DC govt has over the years attempted to get the owners of the Day Care and others to comply. I have along with others have spoken to the owners ~~violated~~ re the vector problem that they have made worse ~~helped~~ to ~~control~~. I personally have seen 10 ~~plus~~ ~~bags~~ garbage bags lying on the yard ~~for~~ Continuously. The trash man ~~has~~ would take maybe half of the pile & leave the rest. Frequently

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, in the past, the garbage men would drag the bags through the alley to the truck with filthy garbage juice dripping down the alley. When asked why large receptables were not placed in the yard, the response was that there is no space. How could the DC govt allow the owners to build an extension without have required a total plan which would include waste removal? The answer to this question is partly because the owners "threw it up almost overnight" and either circumvented the process or ignored the law and just did it. Even as I speak there is an embankment filled with rats some as big as small chickens. He should be required to either tear down the embankment or to drill holes in it to put poison to kill them. He should them

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The current
~~The~~ play area is not adequate.
I am sure that the rats
are there ~~some~~ on the play
things and I have seen them
running over children play
things. Where will the
increased number of children
play?

There ~~are~~ is No parking now
for staff and parents who
pick up their children.
The street is narrow & the
parents will have to block
the street.

To add insult to injury
the owners are building a
million dollar complex located
at 13402 Fort Washington Rd.
Drive down and take a look
for yourself. Indian Head Highway
to Fort Washington Rd. Next
to Potomac Landing Elementary
School. The owners have
2 taken money from one of the poorest

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Neighborhood in the City - provided
a sub-standard facility for the
Children who's love needed
at most - Love caused further
deterioration to the neighborhood
- probably.
and is spending the money to benefit
Children who need it less

I once told a drug dealer
to tell me - "This is S.E. we can
do what we please." Sadly
to say it is my opinion, that
this philosophy must be shared
by the owners of that day
care. They cannot provide
quality day care for the
children that they now
have. To ask for permission
to keep more children -

Somebody must feel that the D C Govt. & all the residents of the Neighborhood are fools.

I own a house very close to the facility and I am requesting that my identity not be given out. I fear for my life and property. I have No Confidence in Anyone who would make such expansion request based on the current condition of the environment.

Feel free to call me at 301 - 292-2971 to discuss the matter further.

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I taught about all animals including rats for 30 years. Recently I read an article recently about rare diseases that can be gotten by keeping rats as pets. I shudder to think what, germs can be gotten by children from rats running accross their play ground. I have seen rats running across the play area of the day Care. Enclosed is the article

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ed States, Britain and Argentina analyzed blood from more than 4,300 HIV-infected and non-infected people of different origins.

Rare Disease Possible From Rat Contact

People who handle rats in labs or keep them as pets are at risk of contracting a rare but potentially deadly disease called rat-bite fever, health officials said yesterday.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued the warning after an inquiry into the deaths of two previously healthy women in Florida and Washington state.

Both died in 2003 of rat-bite fever within 12 hours of being hospitalized, the CDC reported. One had been bitten by a rat at the pet store in which she worked. The other owned nine pet rats, none of which appeared to have bitten her.

Rat-bite fever is caused by *Streptobacillus moniliformis*. Symptoms include fever, rash, vomiting and muscle aches.

Although usually curable with oral antibiotics or intravenous doses of penicillin, the disease has a fatality rate of 7 to 10 percent without prompt treatment.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Zoning Adjustment will hold a public hearing in Suite 220 South, 441 4th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20001 on Tuesday, February 8, 2005. Your attention is invited to the following application:

> **Application of Newcomb Day Care Center**, pursuant to 11 DCMR § 3104.1, for a special exception to expand an existing child development center to allow 70 children, and 14 staff, under section 205, in the R-5-A District at premises 541 Newcomb Street, S.E. (Square 5985, Lot 818).

At the public hearing, all interested persons will be given an opportunity to express their views. However, you may submit written views about this case. All written views should be sent to the address below, and must be received by the Board before the hearing on the case is concluded. Individuals and organizations wishing party status in any case before the Board must request that status in writing not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the date set for the public hearing on the particular application. The request for party status must contain all the information required by 11 DCMR § 3106.2. Section 3106 is enclosed for your information.

This application is located within the boundaries of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 8C. This application will be heard between 9:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

If you have any questions about this application, you may call the Office of Zoning on (202) 727-6311, or visit the office at 441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 210 South, Washington. D.C. 20001.

PLEASE REFER TO THE APPLICATION NUMBER WHEN YOU WRITE OR CALL ABOUT THIS CASE.

SINCERELY,

JERRILY R. KRESS, FAIA
Director

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