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*Karen Scham Hale
5428 Hawthorne Pl NW
Washington, DC 20016*

BZA
Case No. 17383
Exhibit No. 52

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Attn: Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman

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Matthew Rosenheim

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Caroline Rossignol

Patricia Burke and Don Patch
5044 Fulton Street NW
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We are residents of ANC 3-D and are writing in advance of tomorrow afternoon's hearing at which the issue of the Lab School of Washington's enrollment and parking will be heard. We must also admit to being the parents of a child who attends the Lab School. While this may affect our opinions, it does not change the facts about this school.

The Lab School is not merely a "private" school, it is unique in the kind of individualized education it provides to children with learning disabilities, as well as in its outreach to adults who need to learn English as a second language. It has kids of every race and income from all over DC; and it has to raise funds to cover expenses, which include scholarships to kids from low-income families. It has a lengthy waiting list for annual enrollments, with parents praying to have their child accepted. The school is at full capacity and has neither the space nor the intent to grow further.

We are aware that the school is out of compliance with parking regulations and has 20 students over its intended capacity. Notwithstanding, we were appalled to see it called a "poster child for noncompliance" and described as 'using the ANC to wash its dirty hands'. The Lab School is a poster child: for caring and effective education.

All we are asking is for the Board to ^{hear} ~~hear~~ this case on its merits and to give every consideration to the School's proposed solutions to its problems. If there was ever a school that deserved a fair hearing from the BZA, this is the one

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Burke and Don Patch

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Dale Johnson

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Washington DC 20016

202-966-1684

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Sally Smith
Director and Founder
Lab School of Washington
4759 Reservoir Road NW
Washington DC 20007

Re: Support of Lab School Zoning Request for Parking

Dear Ms. Smith:

I wanted to let you know of my support for the Lab School request for angled parking on Whitehaven Parkway. I live in the Palisades and have a son who is in 10th grade at the Lab School of Washington.

I moved to the Palisades because of its proximity to the Lab School of Washington. My son is severely dyslexic and the Lab School is the only school that could provide the environment and curriculum that meets his educational needs. My son receives small classroom instruction, as well as, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy and psychological therapy at the Lab School. I know this requires additional staff to provide this type of support. Your request for the additional angled parking is a reasonable approach to solving the parking problem.

I was dismayed to hear of the ANC objection to the Lab School request. The Lab School has been a good community citizen. It has actively supported the local community and environmental efforts. It is very disappointing that the ANC does not recognize the value of the Lab School. The Lab School of Washington makes a major contribution to the Washington DC metro area by serving adults and children with learning disabilities. The ANC leaders should actively support a practical solution that allows the Lab School to continue to provide the necessary support to the Learning Disabled community of Washington DC.

Please let me know if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely

//signed//

Kathleen T Koerner
5529 Sherier Place NW
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Alex Thomas
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