

December 11, 2017

Dear Members of the BZA,

I write in support of the Latin American Montessori Bilingual. I am a LAMB parent, a current member of ANC 4C-3, and former resident directly across the street from Kingsbury. When I lived at 1501 Farragut St. in the early 2000s, I remember the neighborhood opposition to Kingsbury in terms of the increased traffic. It wasn't nearly as dire as they predicted. I think the same dynamic is at play here.

I understand their concerns but having been a LAMB parent for four and a half years, the traffic impacts of the school are limited to a two, relatively brief periods during the day. Moreover, like a significant number of LAMB parents, I do and will continue to use my bicycle to take my daughter to school.

Finally, the residents directly around Kingsbury know that LAMB needs the 600 student approval to secure funding for the purchase and are using their "phased approach to the cap" as a way to scuttle the deal. I think this is shortsighted and would harm both LAMB and the neighborhood. I urge the BZA to approve LAMB's application as submitted

Regards,
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