

December 12, 2017

Mr. Fred Hill, Chairman
D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street NW, Suite 200S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Case No. 19581 – LAMB PCS at 5000 14th Street NW

Dear Chairman Hill and Members of the Board:

I reside in ANC 4C02 (at 1219 Gallatin St NW) and write in support of BZA Case No. 19581, which concerns LAMB PCS relocating to the Kingsbury property at 5000 14th Street NW.

In full disclosure, my daughter attends LAMB (and my one-year-old will in the future), so I naturally have a personal bias on this issue. As a LAMB parent, I am excited to see the school have the possibility of occupying a site that will offer many benefits to our school community. LAMB offers a unique and quality education to its students; as a result, it is a school in high demand and the school has grown in recent years to meet this demand so that more DC children can benefit from everything that LAMB has to offer. LAMB's current physical space is not ideal: We are spread across three campuses, and this is difficult on the teachers, support staff, administration, and families. The Kingsbury campus is a great opportunity for LAMB to eventually have all of our school on one campus and in a building and on grounds that will meet our needs exceptionally well.

As a 4C02 neighbor, though, I'm also very supportive of this proposal. LAMB will be a great long-term, stable neighbor. The Kingsbury building is the culmination of years of searching by LAMB to find its long-term home. It is good for our neighborhood to have a stable institution anchoring the Kingsbury property. LAMB parents are currently actively engaged community members who support the local neighborhoods where their children attend school. I see this as an opportunity for businesses in 4C02, particularly the businesses along 14th Street, to benefit from the families who come to the neighborhood.

I appreciate that other neighbors have raised concerns about traffic. I think the traffic concerns should be heard and that we should try to find ways to work together to minimize any negative traffic consequences. I know from my experience with LAMB that LAMB is the type of school that will work with the neighbors and DDOT to address concerns and find ways to make this change one that will overall be very beneficial to the entire community.

I hope that you will approve the requesting zoning variances at the upcoming hearing on December 20, 2017.

Sincerely,


Erin Golding