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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you as a long-time homeowner in Ward 4C and as a proud parent of a student at the Latin American Montessori Bilingual (LAMB) Public Charter School. My daughter, Ruth is currently attending her second year (PreK4) at LAMB this school year and looking forward to many more years as a LAMB student.

I am writing this letter in full support of LAMB re-locating to the Kingsbury Center at 5000 14th Street, N.W. It is my great hope that this letter will help LAMB gain much needed support from the District of Columbia Government, including Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, and corporations and foundations for the many layers of approval and costs associated with moving to Kingsbury and making it our new educational home. **Critically important is a request for support of the Board of Zoning (BZA) Application - Case Number 19851 special exemption to include building a gymnasium which will also double as a meeting space, both of which can be open for community use outside of school hours.**

One of the reasons I bought a home in DC is because of the strong charter school opportunities, including the LAMB school, which was my first choice of the many fine schools in DC for my daughter. The school has exceeded my expectations for my child's education so far and I consider it to be a gem in this city. I have lived in D.C. for 18 years and have owned my home in Ward 4 for 9 of those years. I love my 16th St. Heights neighborhood and I am confident that having LAMB as our neighbor will not only make my daughter's educational experience superb but will enrich the neighborhood greatly. Moreover, almost half of my fellow LAMB families also live in Ward 4. Ward 4 is a very diverse area that is continuously growing and attracting new families and businesses. Having this Tier I bilingual school with a proven track record in our neighborhood will only continue that growth and development.

I am a single mother and sole parent of my 4-year old daughter. We ride a bike to school (and work) which was very challenging when she was in LAMB's Northeast location and I am concerned about the challenges that will arise if the school moves elsewhere or even maintains its Walter Reed location. We are very excited about the ease of biking and walking to school at the Kingsbury location (only 4 or 5 blocks away). Often I have to get help from sitters or neighbors with pick up and drop off and having a location so close will make our lives (and the lives of many of my fellow LAMB families) so much easier!

But more than just convenience, having a building where all our students can be together (rather than three locations) – where the 3-year olds can learn from the 5th graders – where there is an exterior green space where our children can play, off-street parking, and sufficient space to support our current school size and future growth – this is a dream that I desperately want to see realized for LAMB.

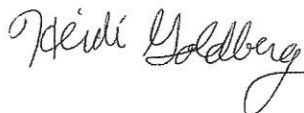
LAMB has moved five times and that kind of instability is not good for a school and a city. We want to find our forever home! Kingsbury fulfills this dream.

I look forward to working with the community so that LAMB's move to the Kingsbury site is mutually beneficial for both the community and our school. But we need everyone's help and support to make this

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dream a reality for our children and families and to create a future where community and schools work together so children, families and communities can thrive.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heidi Goldberg". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the left of a vertical line.

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