

November 2, 2017

Commissioner Maria Barry
ANC 4C02
1409 Ingraham Street, NW
Washington, DC 20011

Dear Commissioner Barry:

I am writing to express my support for BZA case #19581, LAMB School 5000 14th St, Kingsbury Center. I am a resident of your single member district and strongly feel that a successful neighborhood is one that offers a variety of uses, including numerous schools. This particular site offers amenities that make it perfect for a school including an existing parking lot and facilities tailored to school use, green space and landscaping on the property that improves the aesthetics of the corridor and a robust mass transit network comprised of frequent bus service along the 14th, 16th and Georgia Avenue corridors serving N/S routes and along Kennedy Street serving E/W routes, not to mention a metro station just over a mile away. A bike lane exists along the 14th Street corridor and bike and car share stations are nearby.

Additionally, LAMB has committed to follow through with proven Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies for both students and faculty that includes carpooling, encouraging the use of DC One cards, parking demand accommodated internal to the site, bike safety education and installation of bike racks on site to encourage biking. The school has also committed to holding periodic meetings with the community to address

I firmly believe that the existence of numerous *quality* schools improves the desirability of neighborhoods and pushes existing schools to perform at a higher level.

I would recommend thought be given to allowing the community to reserve space at the property for community meetings and if there is to be a playground, that it be open to the public on weekends and in summers when the school is not in session. I feel these accommodations are reasonable and would not add an onerous financial burden on the school and it would show their commitment to being part of the community.

I ask that you support BZA case #19581.

Thank you –

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