

Dear Members of the Board:

I am a resident of the Sixteenth Street Heights neighborhood and a parent of a West Education Campus student. I understand that the Latin American Montessori Bilingual (LAMB) Public Charter School would like to move their school to the Kingsbury campus next year and I strongly support this move, including the eventual enrollment of 600 students. I believe the best use of that space is for it to remain a school. I support LAMB's request to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA). I understand that this request specifically asks for an exemption to the Sixteenth Street Heights special overlay; an increase of the enrollment cap to 600 students over 6 years, which the building has capacity to hold; and for the eventual construction of a gym on the grounds.

LAMB has worked closely with ANC 4C throughout its community engagement process for this application. LAMB has engaged many residents, West Education Campus, and the ANC to ensure that the school will be an asset to the community and that any harmful impacts will be mitigated.

LAMB hosted many community meetings, met with individual neighbors, listened to community concerns, and worked collaboratively with residents to find solutions to their concerns. LAMB has proven to be responsive and committed to being a good neighbor.

In addition, as a parent of a student who just started PK-3 at West Education Campus, I believe that having LAMB at the Kingsbury facility provides an opportunity to do joint programming between LAMB and West. The principal at LAMB has been very receptive to the idea of joint programming.

Having LAMB at the Kingsbury School is a clear win for the 16th Street community!

Sincerely,

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