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D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Re: Letter of Support for BZA Case No. 19581 – LAMB PCS at 5000 14th Street NW

Dear Members of the Board:

We are residents of the Sixteenth Street Heights neighborhood. We understand that the Latin American Montessori Bilingual (LAMB) Public Charter School would like to move their school to the Kingsbury campus next year. We support this move, including the eventual enrollment of 600 students, because we believe the best use of that space is for it to remain a school.

We support LAMB's request to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA). We 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.

Having grown up in DC it is incredible to see the improvements that have been made in the quality of education children can receive in this wonderful city. That said, this community needs more quality options for a good education to support the explosion of children who live in the neighborhood. Without this support our community will erode as families choose to leave DC for more affordable neighborhoods with better school choices.

Regards,

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