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DC Office of Zoning 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200S Washington, DC 20001

APPLICATION NO. 19835 – Maria Naranjo, pursuant to 11 DCMR subtitle X, Chapter 9, for special exception under the use provisions of Subtitle U 251.1(b)(3) To expand an existing child development center in the R-3 Zone at premises 2909 North Capitol Street NE (Square 3500, Lot 37)

To Whom It May Concern,

Regarding the case of this home daycare to obtain exemption to add children, I would like to speak to their capacity and excellence as a current parent utilizing this facility, and also as an alumni with a child who previously benefited from childcare in this environment with up to 12 children present.

Maria Naranjo and her staff manage an organized, diligent, and professional childcare business and we have been very lucky to have been clients of this daycare center for almost six years. Ms. Naranjo is careful and thoughtful about adhering to regulations at all times while considering how to provide the best service to the children and families she serves. In this setting it is clear that all children are loved and provided with the highest level of milestone development curriculum, emotional support, and nutrition; all with carefully monitored, safe, and comfortable play and sleep conditions.

During my older child's time as an infant and toddler at this center, she was able to socialize with up to 12 children at a time and benefited from relationships with multiple loving childcare providers; a strong advantage of maintaining the exemption. Further, childcare options are very limited in the District, especially in proximity to this center, and having the additional spaces would be helpful and welcoming to the community and local families.

We have been extremely happy with the care received at this center and highly recommend them for continued exemption and support from the District of Columbia and the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

Please feel free to contact me for additional information or comment.

Singerely,

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