



ST. GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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To Whom it May concern,

My name is Fr. John (Rassem) El Massih, and I am the pastor of St. George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church of the property located at 4335 16th Street NW Washington, DC 20011, which is across the street from 4401 16th Street, NW. I understand that the Applicant is requesting special exception relief to reuse a portion of the existing church on this property as a child development center. The Applicant currently operates two child development centers in our community, serving families in the area. This proposal seeks to consolidate those locations into a permanent home, ensuring continuity and stability for the many families who rely on their services.

I believe that the consolidated Soles Montessori Child Development Center at this location will be a valuable addition to our community, offering quality childcare and educational opportunities while preserving the neighborhood's unique character by adaptively reusing the church building with no physical expansions. I also appreciate the ample parking provided on the property and the adjacent property. I respectfully request that the Board approve the Applicant's request for special exception relief.

If you have any questions or need additional information, don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you again for your time and support!

Signature: Fr. John (Rassem) El Massih

Fr. John (Rassem) El Massih, Pastor