

October 13, 2025

ANC 6B

Tyler Wolanin, ANC 6B01

Edward Ryder, ANC 6B08, Chair

Re: Saint Peter School Modernization Project
BZA Case No. 21389

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing in support of the above-referenced application before the DC Board of Zoning Adjustment, which seeks approval for the renovation and modernization of Saint Peter School.

Over the past several months, Saint Peter School has made a concerted effort to keep the community informed about this project and has provided multiple opportunities for neighbors to share feedback prior to submission to city agencies for review. This engagement has been valuable and has helped address questions and a couple concerns raised by the community.

The proposed scope of work focuses on much-needed modernization of the school building, which has not seen significant updates since the 1970s. Importantly, the project is not intended to expand the student body but rather to improve functionality, accessibility, and safety. Specifically, the plan includes:

- A new entrance and elevator to enhance accessibility and ensure that students, faculty, and staff of all physical abilities can reach every part of the building.
- A new multipurpose room/gym to accommodate physical education classes, indoor recess, lunch periods, athletic practices and games, back-to-school nights, family gatherings, and school performances.
- A new HVAC system to improve ventilation throughout the historic structure and replace the aging boiler.

Equally important, the proposed renovation will not increase the currently permitted student or staff population and will not alter existing pick-up and drop-off procedures.

Saint Peter School has been a cornerstone of the Capitol Hill community since its founding in 1868. I support this project as a necessary investment in the school's future—one that will allow it to continue providing an education grounded in faith, service, and academic excellence, while remaining a valued community resource for generations to come.

Sincerely,



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