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Carol J. Mitten
Chairperson, D.C. Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW
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Re: Case No. 03-27 PUD
Babe's Billiards Site - 4600 - 4614 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.

Dear Chairperson Mitten and Members of the Commission ,

As a resident of AU Park and a parent of a student at Janney Elementary School, I am writing in support of the amenities package proposal offered to Janney and other community organizations by the developers of the current Babe's Billiards site.

The amenities package negotiated last year will provide needed benefits to important community institutions, including Janney, which was designated to receive $75,000 to replace deteriorating and dangerous playground equipment. The potential for developer contributions allowed Janney to proceed with the first phase of playground renovation last year and complete the renovation of the lower playground area for older grades. The upper playground designated for younger children still requires improvements which could be completed as part of a second phase of further improvements.

DCPS city-wide budget cuts last May have forced all schools, including Janney, to rely more on our own fundraising efforts to cover operating costs formerly included as part of the DCPS budget. This year, for example, the Janney PTA will need to cover an additional $100,000 in staff costs, leaving little possibility to fund any further needed capital improvements at our 79 year-old school.

Nevertheless, Janney has been named by the Dept. of Education as a Blue Ribbon School; and it remains an important source of pride for residents of Tenleytown/AU Park. With one current Janney student and one pending Janney student in our family, I urge the Zoning Commission to support the amenities package proposed by the developer so that the school grounds will continue to offer a long term benefit to our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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