

OFFICERS

President
George R. Clark
4525 28th St, N W
Washington, DC 20008

First Vice President
Anne Renshaw

Second Vice President
James J. Jones

Secretary
Sally MacDonald

Treasurer
Allen E. Beach

Federation of Citizens Associations of the District of Columbia

ORGANIZED MARCH 5, 1910 • INCORPORATED JUNE 3, 1940

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Patrick Allen
Francis M. Clarke, III
Dino J. Drudi
Kathryn A. Eckles
Elizabeth Elliott
Carroll Green
(Past President)
J. Guy Gwynne
Ann Loikow
A.L. Wheeler

April 28, 2006

Sharon Schellin
Acting Secretary
Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, N W Suite 210S
Washington, D.C. 20001

RECEIVED
DC OFFICE OF ZONING
2006 APR 28 PM 4 08

Re: No. 06-06, Charter School amendment

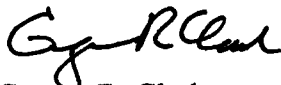
To the Members of the Commission.

The Federation of Citizens Associations opposes the proposed amendment in this matter insofar as it would enable charter schools to locate as a matter of right in residential zones. The Federation took this action by an April 13, 2006 vote of its Executive Board, which is authorized to act on behalf of the Federation and its over 45 member associations.

Charter schools can be created quickly without notice to a neighborhood and may change locations often. For this reason, we believe that all charter school siting should be done by special exception. Citizens have more input if a DC Public School is going to be built, making their siting in residential zones less problematic. In addition, because those are public schools with accountable officials, residential locations are less burdensome.

On the other hand, Charter Schools, many of which are for profit entities run by out of DC companies, do not have any accountability to local citizens. They frequently change locations, and are not as observant of their impact on the surrounding neighborhood. Matter of right siting by the proliferation of charters can play havoc with a neighborhood, especially one with old, large homes or even vacant housing. Should the amendment progress, we believe that the minimum lot sizes are too small to provide any meaningful buffer to the surrounding neighborhoods.

Respectfully submitted,



George R. Clark
President
202-331-3200
GRClark@GeorgeRClark.com

**ZONING COMMISSION
District of Columbia**

CASE NO. 06-06
EXHIBIT NO. 13
ZONING COMMISSION
District of Columbia
CASE NO. 06-06
EXHIBIT NO. 13