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April 18, 2006

Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210 South
Washington, DC 20001

Attn: Carol Mitten, Chairperson

Re Zoning Parking Regulations for Public and Charter Schools

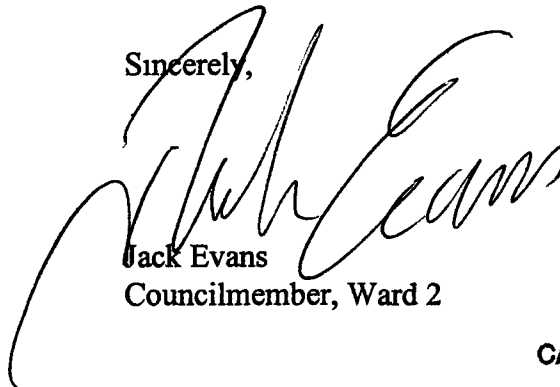
Dear Chairperson Mitten.

Historic buildings and districts are an important part of the District's heritage and need all the protections that can be provided. Many such sites are located in Ward 2 and contribute cohesion and interest to our neighborhoods. Therefore, I am supporting the Blagden Alley/Naylor Court Association's resolution to update zoning parking regulations as pertaining to public/charter schools.

Many historic buildings and districts are located in areas heavily impacted by dense traffic and insufficient parking. A new school (public or charter) would further impact an already adversely affected neighborhood, as would any new enterprise. As a practical matter, most historical districts are singularly inappropriate for the location of a new school given a district's compact size and the lack of space for libraries, playgrounds and a gymnasium. Both conditions are certainly true for the Blagden Alley/Naylor Court neighborhood. I encourage the Zoning Commission to look favorably on this resolution and support eliminating schools from special exception to the historic preservation provisions of Chapter 21, Section 2100.5 of the Zoning regulations.

I would also like to commend the Commission for initiating an opportunity to update the zoning regulations. Change including updating is never easy.

Sincerely,



Jack Evans
Councilmember, Ward 2

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