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Ms Carol Mitten, Chair
Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW - Suite 200 South
Washington, DC 20001

RE CASF NO 06-06

Dear Ms Mitten

I am writing with regard to the above-referenced case and I am submitting this letter to be included as a part of the record. Since many are concerned about the time-consuming nature of the special exception process and because I believe that it creates the potential for an unnecessary adversarial relationship between applicants for placement of public, charter and private schools, and neighborhood residents, I am proposing the following additional step under Section 206, as 206 I, before either party would be required to seek a special exception

- 1 That applicants to the Zoning Administrator for decisions regarding permits for any schools to be sited in residential neighborhoods, shall first seek to present its plans at a public meeting of the applicable ANC before applying for any permits.
2. That the ANC shall schedule such a public meeting at its next regularly scheduled public meeting or within 45 days of the applicant's request, which ever comes first.
- 3 That after the ANC's public meeting, the applicant shall be given 30 days to respond to the concerns raised by the ANC, if any, and that the applicant shall have the opportunity to present its revised plans, if any, at the ANC's next regularly scheduled public meeting
- 4 That no later than 30 days after this second public meeting, the ANC shall communicate its recommendations regarding the application in writing to the Zoning Administrator.

I do hope that you will consider this proposal before you finalize any changes to the Zoning Regulations in 11 DCMR Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this proposal

Sincerely,

Ellen Oppen-Weiner

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