

The Blagden Alley Association

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Ms Carol Mitten
Chairperson
D C Zoning Commission
441 Fourth Street, NW
Suite 200S
Washington, D C 20001

Re Case #0606

Dear Ms. Mitten,

Enclosed is a resolution from the Blagden Alley/Naylor Court Association requesting the Commission's consideration of an addition to the proposed updating of the zoning code regarding charter/ public schools.

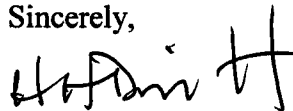
The addition is in Chapter 21, Section 2100 5 and would not allow charter/public schools to use that section when locating a school. Such an addition to the proposed regulations would provide communities protections not currently existing.

The Association hopes the Zoning Commission will approve this addition and incorporate similar language into the much needed updating of the code.

If further information would be helpful, please contact me or Marthlu Bledsoe at 202-842-3366 or by e-mail at mbledsoe@mindspring.com.

Thank you and the other Commissioners for considering this request.

Sincerely,



Harold Davitt
President

ZONING COMMISSION
District of Columbia

Case 06-06

ZONING COMMISSION

District of Columbia
CASE NO. 06-06
EXHIBIT NO. 7

March 23, 2006

RESOLUTION OF THE BLAGDEN ALLEY/ NAYLOR COURT ASSOCIATION*
Case #0606

Be it resolved that the Blagden Alley/Naylor Court Association requests the consideration of the District of Columbia Zoning Commission of a friendly amendment to the draft regulations concerning the updating of zoning regulations applying to charter/public schools

The Association is in support of the regulations drafted by the Office of Planning and is appreciative of their support of the various D C communities

However, the proposed regulations do not address parking in historic districts As currently stated in the D.C Municipal Regulations 2100.5, "No additional parking spaces shall be required for a historic landmark or a building or structure located in a historic district that is certified State Historic Preservation Office as contributing to the character of that historic district."

Many historic buildings and districts are in heavily impacted traffic/parking areas and would be further imperiled by the addition of a charter/public school. The Blagden Alley/Naylor Court Historic District is immediately adjacent to the Convention Center and is a prime example of the traffic and parking congestion from a large and active residential/economic area. A charter school with 400+ high school students is proposed for the 1200 block of 9th Street NW across the street from the convention center. Not counting students who drive, parking for teachers plus support staff would be about 40 new parking spaces One of the purposes of DC Historic Preservation requirements is just that, preservation of buildings and areas of historic importance to the city Burdening an already difficult situation with additional traffic and parked cars will only further tear the historic fabric in this neighborhood and others

Therefore, we request consideration of an addition to the Proposed Changes to Public School regulations in Chapter 21, Section 2100.5 Add as follows, "**The provisions of section 2100.5 do not apply to charter/public schools.**"

* This resolution as approved unanimously at the regularly scheduled Blagden Alley/Naylor Court Association meeting on March 23, 2006