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Re ZC Case 06-06 "Charter Schools Text Amendment"

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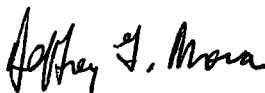
I am writing on behalf of myself and my wife to strongly object to a proposed zoning text amendment governing the siting of schools in the District of Columbia. This proposed change would allow small charter schools to locate *anywhere* in the District without notice to adjacent neighbors.

This proposed zoning change is counter to every principal of citizen involvement and citizen input (comment) on zoning variances, Master Plan issues, and transportation impacts.

Conversion of residential properties to charter schools should be subject to exactly the same regulations as any other type of residential conversion, or zoning variance request. The proposed zoning text amendment has the potential of completely changing the character of residential neighborhoods, including historic districts, such as Capitol Hill, Georgetown, Dupont Circle, Anacostia, etc.

If approved, the proposed text amendment would dramatically increase automobile traffic (noise, pollution) in residential neighborhoods, and it places no restrictions on the concentration of schools in a given area. The proposed change does not include any special exception process, which would give communities the right to determine the character of their neighborhoods.

For the above reasons, we strongly oppose the proposed Charter Schools Text Amendment.


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