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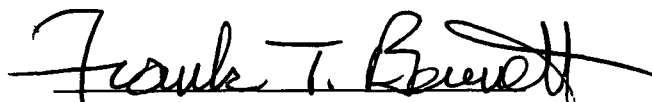
Re: ZC Case 06-06 "Charter Schools Text Amendments"

I am writing to urge the defeat of the proposal which would allow schools with 16 or fewer students to locate as a "matter of right" in residential areas anywhere in the District without notice to neighborhoods and without hearings or any means for residents to protest inevitable negative impacts

My home for some 28 years is less than one-half block from where AppleTree Early Learning Public charter school recently purchased property and intends to expand its operations at 136-138 12th Street NE, arrogantly proposing initially to have some 72 children, 18 staff and virtually no parking. Even with 16 or fewer children, we are deeply concerned about inevitable problems which would result involving historical incompatibility, safety, parking, traffic, litter, noise, trash generation and collection. I understand that the proposal also has no limit on the number of such schools in any area so these impacts could be multiplied and ultimately change the entire character of neighborhoods.

It is only reasonable that neighborhood input through public notice and hearings be required in such circumstances. For this neighborhood, I would argue that any non-residential use would be incompatible.

Please do not approve this ill-conceived proposal.


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