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Statement of Support

My name is Monica Medina Bednarovsky I am writing in support of the text amendment to allow Expanded Child Development Homes for up to 12 children. I am a parent of two children (2 years old and 3 months old) and live in Ward 4. My oldest child has been attending Estrellitas Montessori School for 2 years. Currently, the program can care for up to 6 children, but this change will allow the program to have up to 12 children.

This is a very important step for a few reasons. First, as my youngest child will enter daycare in December, there may not be space for him to attend the same daycare as my oldest child. This would place an additional burden on me, as a working mother, to potentially take my children to two different daycare locations. Second, expanding the number of children that can be cared for would create additional jobs by allowing Estrellitas to hire additional staff. Third, allowing more children at the daycare will provide additional daycare options parents who often face long waiting lists to secure a slot at daycare providers. When we were investigating daycare options for our oldest child we were put on five waiting lists for an open slot.

Home daycares, which in my opinion are in short supply, provide invaluable services to the local community and any measures that can address a situation where demand far exceeds supply need to be seriously considered. The impact of a small increase in the number of children that can be accommodated at each location would result in a minimal impact to the surrounding neighborhood, as drop offs and pick-ups are quick (in our experience no more than 5-10 minutes) and well organized.

In closing, this initiative has our family's complete support and we hope that the Zoning Commission will approve this Text Amendment.

Sincerely,


Monica Medina Bednarovsky

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