

February 6, 2018

Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW
Suite 200S
Washington, DC 20001
Re: Supports for Zoning Commission Case No. 17-20

Dear Members of the Commission:

We are writing in support of the proposed text amendment known as Zoning Commission Case No. 17-20. We are parents of a young child in DC and have had firsthand experience with the difficulty of finding convenient, quality, and affordable childcare. Also, as parents of a child at Petit Scholars in Brookland, DC, we are familiar with the cost and the effect that zoning restrictions have on childcare centers and the working parents that rely on them. These difficulties have a ripple effect to local businesses and workplaces that employ the affected parents.

Due to the difficulties Petit Scholars had with opening their location at Rhode Island Avenue, we were in limbo for childcare for over a month, with no real timeline or idea of when we would have childcare in place. We had to take time off work to interview other centers, nannies and baby sitters to find alternative options. We ultimately had to ask for help from extended family, causing an interruption in their employment and commitments.

We therefore urge the Commission to expeditiously approve the proposed corrections and reinstate the permitted use for childcare centers.

Sincerely,

Thomas and Daria Brunet
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