

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:

I'm writing to support the proposed text amendment known as Zoning Commission Case No. 17-20. I am the working mom of a toddler, and I know firsthand how challenging it is to find high-quality, affordable, convenient childcare in the DC area. My son is currently at a wonderful local daycare, Petit Scholars, and zoning restrictions created major delays when Petit Scholars sought to expand and serve more DC families last fall. When families can't find good care for their children, the difficulties that result have a ripple effect, negatively affecting both the families and the local businesses and workplaces that employ the affected parents. It is my view that the current zoning laws are burdensome and create unnecessary obstacles to the opening of high-quality childcare facilities.

I urge the Commission to approve the proposed corrections and reestablish the permitted use for childcare centers.

Sincerely,

Melinda Fulford
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