



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 8A

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December 20, 2025

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Anthony Hood, Chairperson
441 4th Street NW, Suite 200S
Washington, DC 20001

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Re: Cedar Tree Academy – Zoning Commission Case 24-23

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission,

Anthony Foreman
Treasurer

At its regularly scheduled, properly noticed meeting on December 2, 2025, with a quorum of seven Commissioners present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 8A voted unanimously to support the zoning application of Cedar Tree Academy. In January 2025, ANC 8A voted to support CTA's original application to construct a new school building at 701 Howard Road SE. We understand that CTA is seeking to change the original approved school building due to uncertainty in available funding for the project. CTA presented this modification request to ANC 8A in September 2025 and December 2025. During the presentations, CTA outlined the architectural plans for the revised project, which incorporates the existing school building with a new rear addition.

Commissioners

Tom Donohue
SMD 8A01

We continue to support CTA's commitment to its student body and the Ward 8 community. The revised project is an attractive building that will continue to meet CTA's goals of improving facilities for its current student body while expanding the building to attract new students. The revised project provides many of the same educational amenities as the approved project, including the same number of classrooms as well as a new cafeteria, kitchen, gymnasium, library, parent center, and outdoor recreation space. We also support CTA's requested zoning relief from requirements for minimum residential floor-area-ratio, rear yard, designated street frontage design, vehicular parking and LEED-Gold certification.

Anthony Foreman
SMD 8A02

Andrea Davis
SMD 8A03

As such, ANC 8A urges the Board to approve the design review application and special exception relief. Robin McKinney is designated as the ANC representative for this issue. She can be contacted at 8A06@anc.dc.gov. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter.

Fria Moore
SMD 8A04

Jamila White
SMD 8A05

Robin McKinney
SMD 8A06

In partnership,

 Recoverable Signature

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Tomora Redman
SMD 8A07

Jamila White, Chair
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 8A