



# ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 8A

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Anacostia/Fairlawn/Hillsdale

**Exec Officers** December 20, 2025

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

Robin McKinney  
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## **Re: Cedar Tree Academy – Zoning Commission Case 24-23**

Fria Moore Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission,

Anthony Foreman  
Treasurer

### **Commissioners**

Tom Donohue  
SMD 8A01

Anthony Foreman  
SMD 8A02

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SMD 8A07

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.

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.

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.

In partnership,

 Recoverable Signature



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Jamila White, Chair  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 8A