

November 14, 2017

D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment  
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Re: Letter of Support for BZA Case No. 19581 – LAMB PCS at 5000 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW

Dear Members of the Board:

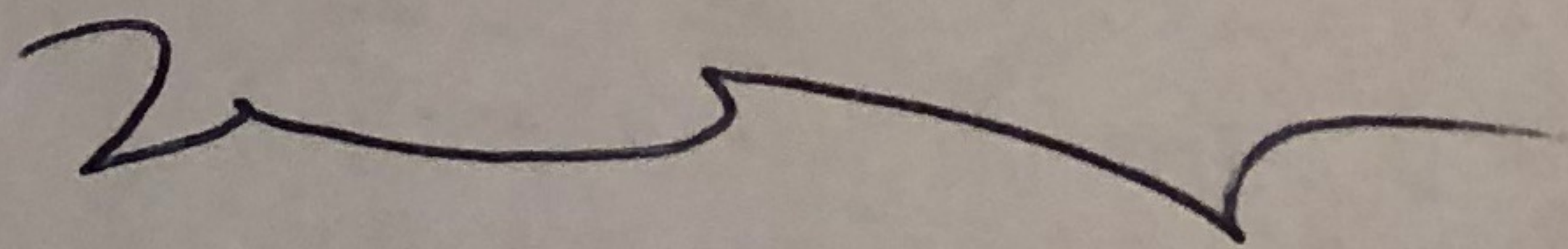
My wife and I and our two children live in the Sixteenth Street Heights neighborhood. We are writing to let you know of our strong support for the Latin American Montessori Bilingual (LAMB) Public Charter School's request to move their school to the Kingsbury campus next year. We strongly favor this move, including LAMB's eventual enrollment of 600 students, because we sincerely believe that the best use of this space is for it to remain a school.

We support LAMB's request and urge that the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) approve it as soon as possible. We understand that the request asks for an exemption to the Sixteenth Street Heights special overlay; an increase of the enrollment cap to 600 students over 6 years, which the building has capacity to hold; and for the eventual construction of a gym on the grounds.

LAMB has worked closely with ANC 4C throughout its community engagement process for this application. LAMB has engaged many residents, West Education Campus, and the ANC to ensure that the school will be an asset to the community and that it will avoid, minimize, or mitigate any harmful impacts. LAMB has hosted many community meetings, met with neighbors, listened to the concerns of the community concerns, and worked collaboratively with residents to find solutions to their concerns. LAMB has been admirably responsive and demonstrated its commitment to being a good neighbor.

We cannot think of a better choice as a tenant for this site than LAMB, which has a long history of excellence in teaching students, in acting as a responsible civic neighbor, and in embracing the diversity of our community. We urge you to approve their application.

Sincerely,



Nathan Scott Murphy