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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you as a long-time homeowner in Ward 4C and as a proud parent of a student at the Latin American Montessori Bilingual (LAMB) Public Charter School. I live at 1225 Jefferson St NW and my daughter is currently attending her second year (PreK4) at LAMB this school year and looking forward to many more years as a LAMB student. I would like to ask for your support for LAMB's move to the Kingsbury building as a permanent home for our school.

One of the reasons I bought a home in DC is because of the strong charter school opportunities, including the LAMB school, which was my first choice of the many fine schools in DC for my daughter. The school has exceeded my expectations for my child's education so far and I consider it to be a gem in this city. I have lived in D.C. for 18 years and have owned my home in Ward 4 for 9 of those years. I love my 16<sup>th</sup> St. Heights neighborhood and I am confident that having LAMB as our neighbor will not only make my daughter's educational experience superb but will enrich the neighborhood greatly. Moreover, almost half of my fellow LAMB families also live in Ward 4. Ward 4 is a very diverse area that is continuously growing and attracting new families and businesses. Having this Tier I bilingual school with a proven track record in our neighborhood will only continue that growth and development.

I am a single mother and sole parent of my 4-year old daughter. We ride a bike to school (and work) and are very excited about the ease of biking and walking to school at the Kingsbury location (only 4 or 5 blocks away). But more than just convenience, having a building where all our students can be together (rather than three locations) – where the 3-year olds can learn from the 5<sup>th</sup> graders – where there is an exterior green space where our children can play, off-street parking, and sufficient space to support our current school size and future growth to a maximum of 600 students by 2023 – this is a dream that I desperately want to see realized for LAMB.

LAMB has moved five times and that kind of instability is not good for a school and a city. We want to find our forever home! Kingsbury fulfills this dream. With each move, LAMB is seeking to get a little bit closer to its dream of one campus for all of their students.

I am pleased that the ANC recently voted 6-0-1 in support of LAMB's proposal for a process to eventually increase enrollment to 600 students. From the comments from ANC Commissioners, I believe they see that LAMB has worked to be good neighbors and address concerns of neighbors. Please vote to approve LAMB's move to the Kingsbury campus and the ability for the school to expand to meet the needs of all its students.

Thank You

Sincerely,



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