

November 9, 2017

Chairman Fred Hill or Current Chairman
D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200-S
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Chairman Fred Hill or Current Chairman,

I am writing to you in regard to BZA Case #19581. My husband, Andy Solberg, and I live in the 1500 block of Emerson Street, NW, right around the corner from the proposed LAMB/Kingsbury school property. We oppose the proposed combined student/staff numbers of the new school property.

We have concerns about the dramatic increase of occupancy on this campus and the adverse effect we anticipate this will have on the quality of life in our neighborhood. Our neighborhood already includes more than 35% non-residential properties, including public and private schools, houses of worship, and commercial businesses. Our concerns include increased and heavy traffic on our residential streets, parking, environmental issues, and noise.

I ask BZA to follow the recommendations of the Office of Planning, which capped the maximum number of students for LAMB at 310 and a maximum staff level of 35. As the Office of Planning has recommended, we would like to see LAMB reapply to the BZA for a special exception for an increased number of students once Kingsbury departs.

LAMB at this point should also reapply for the permit of their new gymnasium with clearly detailed plans. This will allow our neighborhood to test one of perhaps many adverse effects of the new school on our quality of life in our homes.

Thank you.

Sincerely Yours,

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