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

Dear Members of the Board:

We are residents of the Sixteenth Street Heights neighborhood. More noteworthy, we solely moved to this wonderful ANC 4 neighborhood from Logan Circle due to the Latin American Montessori Bilingual (LAMB) Public Charter School. We are active contributors to this neighborhood – both financially with our purchases (shopping, dining, services) and charitably through community service. We are engaged civil servants and voters.

LAMB is an amazing and diverse community. Its parents are leaders and experts in various professional fields. Its staff are talented educators and administrators, who have built critical acclaim and achieved the highest ratings of charter schools. Its students possess bright young minds, with ambitions to make a difference in this world.

For these reasons and many more, we fully support the move of LAMB to the Kingsbury campus next year. Additionally, we support including the eventual enrollment of 600 students because we believe the best use of that space is for it to remain a school.

We support LAMB's request to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA). We understand that this request specifically 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 any harmful impacts will be mitigated. LAMB hosted many community meetings, met with individual neighbors, listened to community concerns, and worked collaboratively with residents to find solutions to their concerns. LAMB has proven to be responsive and committed to being a good neighbor.

Please vote in support of LAMB's move to Kingsbury including the special exemptions and allowances noted above.

Kind Regards,

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