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Dear BZA:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments. I have live at my address, 5070 MacArthur, at the corner of MacArthur and Dana PI for 34 years.

Historically this is a very busy corner, with a new very popular restaurant, with many customers, many drive there, a crosswalk used by children going to Key School. The cross street, Dana Place, is a narrow 2 way street with parked cars on both sides. There are other smaller businesses, and another very popular restaurant just up the street in the same block. Delivery vehicles for those establishments double park on MacArthur. There is also a bus stop at the corner. The surrounding blocks have limited parking.

Already, restaurant customers are parking illegally on Dana and MacArthur, too close to the corner and cross walk, including in front of my house. With all the other congestion, it makes it difficult for cars to turn onto Dana from MacArthur and from Dana onto MacArthur. The illegally parked cars take up the space needed for sight lines and turning. So to make the turn the crosswalks are blocked.

This is a family oriented neighborhood. In principle, a child learning center would be an asset to the community. My concern is the added traffic and congestion and illegal parking that this business will create. Folks will be coming in the mornings and afternoons to drop off and pick up children.

They will be in a hurry and won't want to seek a legal space around the block or down the street, if they can even find one. They will say,I'm just here for a minuteand park in one of the 3 or 4 spots curbside spots right at the corner, where parking is not allowed, and the block the intersection and crosswalk. Or they will line up and park, in the right travel lane on MacArthur, with flashers on, while they drop off children or pick them up.

This is what happens now at the River school further in on MacArthur. A policeman is stationed there everyday to facilitate. The difference is in the 5100 block there are many more delivery trucks double parking in the travel lane. This will further force the child learning center folks to double park or illegally park.

The former business at 5104 was a pet supply store. The customers were spread out through out the day, and more were limited in number, so parking issues seemed relatively infrequent.

I wish the applicant well but hope they would find a less busy location with less negative impact on parking and congestion. Unfortunately, I will be out of town on Feb 28 and unable to attend the hearing.

Sincerely,

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