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Board of Zoning Adjustment
of the District of Columbia
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210S
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Re: BZA No. 19748; Acton Academy Proposed Primary School

Dear Board Members:

Having heard recently about the proposed school application at St Paul Parish and the opposition request submitted by the West End Citizens Association, I am compelled to comment. I live on 25th Street between M and N Streets NW. There are many couples in this building with small children who are constantly bemoaning the lack of convenient educational offerings nearby.

We are a vibrant community which enjoys the sight and sounds of children in our neighborhood. Across the street from my apartment is a field and a dog park where there is all kinds of activity around children and pets – this is what makes a great community and helps to connect the adults who might otherwise get consumed by work and our own pursuits.

Finally, I suspect that St Paul's, like the other churches in our area, can benefit from the rental income of the proposed school. Our neighborhood religious institutions, like the one that I serve meals to the homeless at, are to be supported and commended for serving additional needs in the community like early childhood education.

I hope the Board will consider these views and not let a NIMBY position perpetuated by a few curmudgeons in the community, prevail.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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