GEORGETOWN HEIGHTS CONDOMINUM ASSOCIATION 2501 Wisconsin Avenue NW Washington, DC 20007

Case #19816

Case Name: InSite Real Estate Investment Properties LLC Applicant

2461 Wisconsin Ave NW (Case No 19816) via postal mail and email: bzcsubmission@dc.gov

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Dear Chairperson Hill and Members of the Board of Zoning Adjustment,

I serve as the President of the Georgetown Heights Community Association, a boutique condominium building located directly opposite Calvert Street from 2461 Wisconsin Ave NW. Our Association supports the pending application to convert this vacant building to a childcare facility.

The proposed site of this project has long been an eyesore and concern for our residents. It is, however, a unique site that abuts the DC Guy Mason Recreation Center and Park, which is a beautiful asset to the community. Since the Union relocated, the building and its grounds have deteriorated and our community would like to see the building returned to productive use. The Board and our association members support the use of the building as a childcare center. Several of our residents have young children and there are limited childcare services, especially for pre-school aged children, in the neighborhood. Conversion of this vacant building to a childcare facility will be a tremendous asset to the community.

Several weeks ago the Board met with the Kindercare about this project, and we discussed our major concern, which is traffic and parking. The Applicant explained their plan to establish a designated on site parking area for parents to drop off their children. Further, they will seek to use Guy Mason's existing parking lot as a back-up option if these spots are full. We believe these efforts will enhance safety and be sufficient to avoid the need to cross Calvert Street. However the Applicant has assured us that if parking and traffic problems are not solved by the current plan, they will work with the Condo board to address them, including hiring staff to direct traffic during peak hours if necessary. Kindercare plans to focus marketing efforts to the immediate community. So we believe the childcare center will fill an urgent need in the community providing a vital service, while minimizing traffic issues since most users will live close to the center.

We look forward to increasing the vitality and level of services in our community. Kindercare will be a great facility for the neighborhood, and we encourage the BZA to approve this application. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John Gordon

President, Board of Directors

Georgetown Heights Condominium Association