

**Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education**

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Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia  
441 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW Suite 200S  
Washington DC 20001

**Re: Zoning Commission Case 02-38J**

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your request to comment on Zoning Commission Case 02-38J regarding the location of a public charter school in a second-stage Planned Unit Development proposed for 1000 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW.

The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education serves to advance the education and employment priorities set out by the Mayor, develop and implement the Mayor's vision for academic excellence from birth and early childhood to K-12 to post-secondary and the workforce, and ensure education and employment agencies have the resources they need, and work collaboratively to ensure the delivery of high-quality services that meet the needs of District residents, especially our students.

Public charter schools in the District of Columbia are run by autonomous non-profit organizations under agreements approved by the DC Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB). One aspect of the autonomy afforded to charter schools is the ability to choose school location. In this instance, the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education will not weigh in on the school location decisions of individual charter schools and the ongoing Zoning Commission Case 02-38J.

Sincerely,



Paul Kihn  
Deputy Mayor for Education

