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Anthony Hood, Chairman
DC Zoning Commission
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**Re: Support for Modification of Consequence to Design Review
Z.C. Case No. 16-06D et seq.
1900 Half Street, SW (square 666, Lot 15)**

Dear Chairman Hood:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on April 13, 2020, with a quorum present, a quorum being four Commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission ANC 6D voted 4-0-2 to reiterate our support for Eagle Academy's move from SE to SW, and to support with a condition the Modification of Consequence that the Zoning Commission will consider at its April 27, 2020 public meeting.

Our community will need a variety of amenities on Buzzard Point, schools among them, as residential development continues, and Amidon-Bowen and Van Ness have waiting lists at least for the early childhood grades.

Eagle is proposing to nearly double its enrollment to 250 (a 42% from the current 179 enrolled). How soon and how much it can expand is not yet clear. Eagle's projection for staff increase in the current plan is only from the 29 to 35, which would not suggest that enrollment buildup is imminent.

The proposed lease is for 10 years with two potential renewals, and with an additional 2400 sq. ft. of space in the second tier of formerly retail space to be used by the school. If enrollment does not meet the target, the lease ties up all the retail space for the foreseeable future when as early as this summer ~1000-1500 new households on Buzzard Point will need services.

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ANC 6D therefore voted to support the Modification of Consequence for 1900 Half St. SW to accommodate Eagle Academy, with the caveat that lease terms permit returning some of the space to retail if Eagle does not meet target enrollment numbers in five years.

We are always concerned that all our local schools, with staggered grade structures, work together to utilize public dollars in the most responsible and accountable manner. We trust that Eagle will work with the other local schools in ANC 6D to ensure that recruitment and graduation strategies serve all families who wish to be served by the local public schools in our community.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 6D01@anc.dc.gov or 202-554-1795.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Phil Fisher".

Chair, ANC 6D
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