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OF
THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ZONING COMMISSION

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PUBLIC HEARING

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IN THE MATTER OF:

FLEXIBILITY FOR PRIVATE SCHOOLS
TO ENROLL STUDENT DISPLACED
BY HURRICANE KATRINA
- TEXT AMENDMENT

Case No. 05-29

Monday,
November 28, 2005

Hearing Room 220 South
441 4th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

The Public Hearing of Case No. 04-25 by the District of Columbia Zoning Commission convened at 6:30 p.m. in the Office of Zoning Hearing Room at 441 4th Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C., Anthony J. Hood, Chairperson, presiding.

ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

ANTHONY J. HOOD	Vice-Chairperson
MICHAEL TURNBULL	Commissioner (AOC)
GREGORY JEFFRIES	Commissioner
JOHN PARSONS	Commissioner (NPS)

OFFICE OF ZONING STAFF PRESENT:

SHARON S. SCHELLIN	Acting Secretary
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OFFICE OF PLANNING STAFF PRESENT:

STEPHEN MORDFIN

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6:33 p.m.

VICE-CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Are we ready to get started? Okay.

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. This is the public hearing of the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia, for Monday, November 28, 2005.

My name is Anthony Hood, Vice-Chairman of the Commission. Joining me are Commissioner Parsons and Commissioner Turnbull. We are expected to be joined by Commissioner Jeffries shortly.

The subject of this evening's hearing is Zoning Commission Case No. 05-29. This is a request by the Office of Planning for text amendments to Title 11 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, Zoning to Temporarily Permit Private Schools in the District of Columbia to enroll students displaced by the effects of Hurricane Katrina without having such students count against enrollment caps imposed by orders of the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

Notice of today's hearing was published in the D.C. Register on October 7, 2005. Copies of today's hearing announcement are available to you and are located to my left in the wall bin near the door.

The rest of it is all the same. I will

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1 ask that -- I will submit this for the record, I won't
2 read it all.

3 At this time, the Commission will consider
4 any preliminary matters. Does the staff have any
5 preliminary matters?

6 ACTING SECRETARY SCHELLIN: Staff has no
7 preliminary matters.

8 VICE-CHAIRPERSON HOOD: And, Ms. Schellin,
9 I will be presenting the opening statement in for the
10 record. We'll save a little time here.

11 ACTING SECRETARY SCHELLIN: All right.

12 VICE-CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay.

13 We'll go to the Office of Planning, Mr.
14 Mordfin. We have read your statement, I mean, your
15 submission.

16 MR. MORDFIN: Good evening.

17 VICE-CHAIRPERSON HOOD: If you catch the
18 hint.

19 MR. MORDFIN: Good evening, I'm Stephen
20 Mordfin with the Office of Planning, and this
21 application is to allow a total of 26 students to be
22 enrolled in the District of Columbia private schools.
23 Those students are divided up between Washington
24 International Primary School, three students at
25 Sidwell Friends, five students, am I right, one

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1 student, St. Alban's, three students, Aiden
2 Montessori, one student, and St. John's High School 13
3 students, for a total of 26.

4 And, that's my report.

5 VICE-CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Thank you.

6 Any questions of the Office of Planning?

7 Do we have any other -- do we have any
8 other reports from any other government agencies? I
9 didn't think we did.

10 Any ANCs have any reports, any ANCs?

11 Any persons in support?

12 Any persons in opposition?

13 Okay, colleagues, any other comments?

14 COMMISSIONER PARSONS: Mr. Chairman, I
15 found Mr. Mordfin's clarification of the quantity of
16 students helpful. We didn't have that prior to the
17 hearing, and it's very helpful, and given that this is
18 for a limited period of time I feel it's definitely in
19 order.

20 I would move we adopt this as part of our
21 regulations.

22 VICE-CHAIRPERSON HOOD: It's been moved.

23 COMMISSIONER TURNBULL: Second.

24 VICE-CHAIRPERSON HOOD: It's been moved and
25 properly seconded.

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1 For the record, before we take the final
2 vote, let me make an announcement that we've been
3 joined by Commissioner Jeffries. I believe he will be
4 participating in this.

5 Commissioner Jeffries, let me give you the
6 opportunity, do you have any questions for Mr.
7 Mordfin?

8 COMMISSIONER JEFFRIES: No, I don't.

9 VICE-CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay.

10 All those in favor?

11 (Ayes.)

12 VICE-CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Any opposition?

13 So ordered, staff, would you record the
14 vote?

15 ACTING SECRETARY SCHELLIN: Staff will
16 record the vote 4:0:1 to approve proposed action in
17 Case No. 05-29, Commissioner Parsons moving,
18 Commissioner Turnbull seconding, Commissioners Hood
19 and Jeffries in favor, Commissioner Mitten not
20 present, not voting.

21 VICE-CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay, thank you.

22 I now declare this adjourned.

23 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter was
24 concluded at 6:35 p.m.)

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