March 13, 2017

Parent Teacher Student Organization
Capitol Hill Montessori at Logan
315 G Street N.E.
Washington DC 20002

Re: Modernization of Montessori at Logan

To whom it may concern,

On March 8, 2017, at a regularly scheduled, duly noticed monthly meeting of ANC 6C, with a quorum of six out of six commissioners and the public present, the above-mentioned item came before us.

The commissioners voted unanimously, 6:0:0, to support the efforts of the school to promote much-needed modernization of the school facilities. We underscore the need to make a significant investment in the budget to renovate the aging infrastructure of this school.

The school was built in 1935. There has been no modernization since the Montessori school began at this location six years ago. This is unacceptable, as problems with the school infrastructure have a negative effect on the health, safety, and well-being of the children in their learning environment.

ANC 6C contacted Mayor Bowser in April 2014 citing the severe need for modernization—including an aging boiler, whose periodic breakdown causes children to miss a day of school. There are problems with windows, lead in the water pipes, HVAC, and bathroom plumbing. As the school expanded to include middle school grades, these 6th, 7th and 8th grade students have been located in a trailer for a number of years. Lighting, environment and air quality, and technology are sorely out of date and in need of attention. These are serious problems that need to be addressed.
We urge D.C. government to assess these needs immediately and give priority in the budget to schools like Capitol Hill Montessori at Logan that have not received any modernization. The children in our community deserve a better environment in their education journey.

Thank you for giving great weight to the concerns of ANC 6C.

On behalf of ANC 6C,

Karen Wirt
ANC 6C chair