

December 7, 2022

Zoning Board of Review  
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Providence, RI 02903

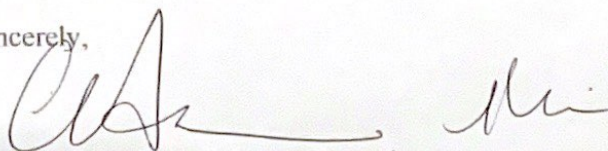
Re: 518 Lloyd Avenue zoning variance application

To the Chair and Members of the Board:

We wanted to write as both Montessori Children's House (MCH) parents and residents of the neighborhood in support of this wonderful school and their need of a minimal percentage of variance to the allowed building lot. Our 6 year-old daughter has been attending MCH since she was three years old and we have nothing but great things to say about the school. MCH has been a kind and respectful neighbor bringing a vital resource to the neighborhood.

We have been impressed with the staff and curriculum at MCH and see the positive impact it has had on our daughter on an almost daily basis. MCH has been able to make the most of their current square footage, but it is clear that space is a limiting factor for the school. I believe the proposed renovations will help alleviate this issue and improve the space to better accommodate both the students and faculty at this wonderful institution.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Christopher Ahern and Karen Browning. The signature on the left is 'Chris' and the one on the right is 'Karen'.

Christopher Ahern & Karen Browning  
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Providence, RI 02906

Zoe Anetakis  
144 President Avenue  
Providence, RI 02906

December 12, 2022

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Dear Chairperson and Members of the Board,

I am writing to communicate my support of the Montessori Children's House application for zoning variance at 518 Lloyd Avenue.

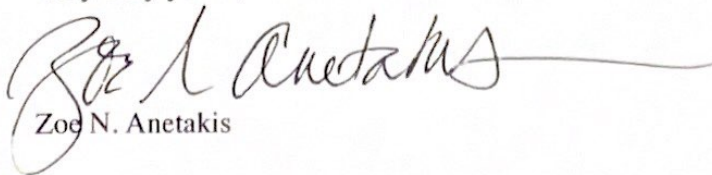
My children have attended Montessori Children's House (MCH) since 2019. In determining the best primary school for our children, in parallel to the importance of the Montessori pedagogy was the position of the school in the neighborhood. Not only is the school walkable for my family, but it is in walking distance for many families that attend, creating a community atmosphere that is both unique to and defining of an urban education. The school's history was also an important factor to our family. It has been part of the neighborhood atmosphere for over 40 years.

The staff of MCH have been, in our experience, responsible and respectful neighbors. The expectations of the school are also communicated to families, and in turn, communicated to the children. As a parent, in tandem with the school, we teach our children about respecting other people's property and boundaries. For example, we don't walk on other people's rock ledges or lawns, we don't take leaves from our neighbor's trees, we always cross the street with an adult, and more. Though this certainly applies to the direct neighbors of MCH, these lessons apply to all of our neighbors throughout the East Side and Providence as a whole.

The renovation renderings presented serve to both improve the school, and the experience for the children, and allow for improvements to the overall structure, both of which are expected to be assets to the overall community.

For all of these reasons – the importance of a vibrant neighborhood including neighborhood schools, the respectful and conscientious staff of MCH, and the importance of physical improvements to all structures in our neighborhood – my family and I support MCH's proposed variance and renovation.

Very truly yours,



Zoe N. Anetakis

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RE: Project at 518 Lloyd Avenue – Zoning Variance Application

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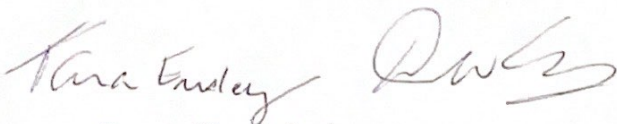
We are writing in full support of the Zoning Variance Application for 518 Lloyd Avenue. The Montessori Children's House is part of the fabric of the neighborhood. It provides an architecturally beautiful building and a service to the community, both of which we support and appreciate.

We have lived on University Avenue since 2009. One of the things that we love about the neighborhood is the beauty and variety of the architecture. The Montessori Children's House is an excellent example of this. It is a lovely, well maintained building with a residential style façade that is always well kept.

Another thing that we love about this neighborhood, is the variety of building uses within the neighborhood. If this neighborhood were 100% residential it would not have the vitality and interest that it does now. Having neighbors such as the Montessori Children's House is what makes this neighborhood special. There is really nothing much more important than the education of our children and to have this school in our neighborhood is an asset and something that we want to support.

In summary, we believe that the zoning variance that they are seeking does not change the look of the building in any negative way but provides the school the space that they need to safely and effectively teach the students. Thank you for the opportunity to voice our support for the Zoning variance for 518 Lloyd Avenue, the Montessori Children's School.

Sincerely,



Tara and Dennis Emsley  
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