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### Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) #21-161 (Bill #2021-06) Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

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My name is Jacqueline Cochran, my nephew attends Discovery Lane. I cannot begin to express how much he has grown both socially and academically since attending Discovery Lane for the past two school terms. Everyday he's excited to tell us about his school day and what new adventures he has learned at school. As an educator myself I know that having access to exceptional education gives marginalized communities many opportunities that are not so readily available both socially and academically in all school settings. Discovery Lane provides progressive child centered learning, as well as project based learning. In addition the school also provides Digital Arts, as well as yoga for mindfulness education. Mindfulness education teaches lessons on techniques to calm the mind and body, which helps to reduce the negative effects of stress and increase students' ability to stay engaged, helping students stay on

track academically and avoid behavior problems. I feel all of the above learning strategies have helped meet my nephew's learning needs both socially and academically. Making Discovery Lane a non-private school will help bring family support and opportunities to marginalized communities. Discovery Lane offers education celebrating cultural differences through project based learning. Project based learning allows students to be creative, includes everyone and challenges students to think outside the box. All of the learning strategies listed above Discovery Lane can help to bring to a marginalized community. I'm asking for the committee to make a decision tonight so the Discovery Lane can become the first non-public school in Waldorf Central zone, so that they can become a school ASAP. I believe voting yes to this decision will help this marginalized community have access to a great school. We as a community are asking that the recommendation be closed tonight and have a final decision made. Sincerely Jacqueline Cochran

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Thank you,  
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