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Subject: 1217 Varela Street: Montessori Children's School Expansion
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City of Key West Planning Department:

This letter is in support of **Montessori Children's School** of Key West expanding into the adjacent property at **1217 Varela Street**. Although I do not live on Varela street, I do commonly use the street in the course of my work (both driving and bicycling). Although it can be busy in the morning (as all school areas are), I have never encountered the traffic being blocked, impassable, or dangerous. I have found that the school is generally quiet, maintains their buildings and green space well, and make an effort to keep the sidewalks and street areas near them clean. I would say the school actually provides a nice "buffer" for Varela street from the laundry business and other busy activity of White street. The street parking area is generally used only for pick-up/drop-off, so there are actually a lot of spaces on the street for parking by area residents.

In regards to the wood picket fence the school would like to continue from the existing property (1221 Varela Street) across the new property (1217 Varela Street), I think it will be congruent with the neighborhood and improve the "historic look" of the street.

I believe that this school expansion will improve the Varela street corridor and will likely have a positive impact on the Varela street property values.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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