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Hello

My name is Sarah Peitzmeier and I am an Ann Arbor parent with a 2 year old and a 5 year old. **I am writing to support the planned Apple Playschools childcare center at 503 Miller Ave and asking for the Commission to support Special Exception Use for this site to enable the project to move forward.** Any parent in Ann Arbor knows that our city is unusually constrained when it comes to childcare availability. Getting daycare spots is a competitive sport in our town and I myself have gone years on waitlists at certain daycares. It is critical that the city support increases in childcare opportunities from both economic and social justice and welfare lenses. Both of my children went to Apple Playschools and they are a phenomenal organization providing the kind of childcare that our city so desperately needs. They also provide scholarships to low-income families who otherwise could not afford childcare. The Planning Commission has an opportunity to do something tangible and concrete to help 47 more families in Ann Arbor have the support they need to enter the workforce and/or reach their fullest potential by greenlighting this project. There is already an Apple Playschools daycare next door that has been operating well and been a good citizen of the neighborhood for years. I hope the city will support their expansion to a second building to provide an extremely valuable service of expanding childcare in Ann Arbor.

Thank you

Sarah Peitzmeier

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