

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners and Planning and Zoning Board,

I am writing this e-mail in support of the Green Children's House K-8 charter school. My children are current students at the Green Children House, my daughter, age 4, for the past two years and my son, age 18 months, for the past six months.

When initialing researching child care for our then 2 year old daughter, we researched many facilities. When we first toured the Green Children House and met with Danyiel and Dominique, the owners, we knew right away this was the place for our child. The Green Children House is more than a child care facility it's an educational environment that is progressive in its approach to learning. The school is innovative, focusing on a healthy lifestyle introducing the children to organic foods and creative learning. The staff are wonderful, caring and committed to the students overall well-being.

Frankly, I could go on and on about how wonderful the Green Children House is; however, what I would like to stress is why the city of pompano beach needs the Green Children House charter school. I lived in the city of pompano beach for 12 years and in 2012, our family moved because of the lack of quality schools. I did not want to send my child to the elementary school where my residence was zoned; it was and still is a poorly rated school. My only options were to move or send my child to private school. The families that live in the city of pompano beach deserve better, they deserve the choice of a quality education for their children. I loved living in pompano beach and was sorry to leave your wonderful city. The city should strive to welcome young families with children and the way to attract families to the city is to boast of great educational opportunities. How great would it be if the city of pompano beach could say that it is home to a successful progressive Montessori charter school? Also, having lived in the City, I am familiar with the proposed location and I believe it would be a great addition to the neighborhood which already has commercial land use and a middle school and high school nearby. In closing, the city of pompano beach should embrace this opportunity and allow the the Green Children House K-8 charter school. Thank you.

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