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To whom it may concern:

I respectfully request approval of a special permit to allow **9 Lawrence Street, Nyack, NY** to continue operating as a child daycare center for preschool age children under the business name **Nyack's Little House of Explorers**. A special permit for this use was originally granted to the prior business owner, Christa Sampath, in 1996, under the business name Nyack's Little Schoolhouse and the property has continuously operated as a licensed daycare and preschool since that time. The facility has therefore long functioned in this capacity, and the surrounding neighborhood is accustomed to and compatible with this use. The building remains well suited for a daycare operation, with appropriate indoor learning spaces and safety features, and the program operates in compliance with all applicable New York State licensing requirements, as well as building, fire, and health and safety regulations.

As the current business owner, I was not aware that a new or separate special permit was required to continue the daycare operation under my ownership. The previous owner did not advise me of this requirement, likely because she herself obtained the special permit nearly three decades ago. In addition, when I initiated the process in 2023 to establish and license the daycare center under my name, the Building Department did not notify me that a new special permit application was necessary. This application is therefore submitted in good faith to formalize a long-standing, continuous use. At present, 16 children are enrolled in our preschool program, and their families would be significantly impacted if the center were required to cease operations. The program also employs five teachers and assistant teachers, whose livelihoods would be affected, in addition to the substantial personal and financial investment I have made over the past two and a half years. Granting this special permit will allow a long-established community service

to continue uninterrupted, preserving essential childcare for local families and employment for dedicated staff while maintaining a use that has been safely integrated into the neighborhood for many years.

Sincerely,

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