

Dear Councilmember Evans -

My name is Jeffrey Weisner. I, my husband Silvio, and our two children have been members of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Dupont Circle for many years. I am writing to urge that you offer support to our parish's building project on the old church grounds at the corner of 18th and Church Sts. NW.

St. Thomas is a growing church and a growing force for good in the Dupont community. We have been helping the poor, counseling the grieving, and celebrating with the community for a long time, and now we need to start a new chapter in our church life - a life that is an integral part of the life of the Dupont area.

The parish has worked incredibly hard for many years to realize our dream of an expanded facility that can serve our growing membership and provide a place for the community to meet and come together as well. We have listened carefully and respectfully to our neighbors and responded to their concerns - and we will continue to do so now and in the future.

As we proceed through the ANC and BZA processes I ask that you listen to us and to our story, and join with us to help us build a great new church in Dupont - something that hasn't happened for awhile. We need this building and I think it will become an integral part of the neighborhood as well.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

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