

December 14, 2015

Board of Zoning Adjustment  
441 4th Street NW Suite 200S  
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Members of the Board,

I am writing to support the building project proposed by St. Thomas' Parish in Dupont Circle (case #19133). As a resident of Washington, I believe the project will contribute to the public good of our city for the following reasons:

- The church is an historic building that was devastated by a fire in 1970. A new building would restore the property to its original site and contribute to the architectural stature of the neighborhood. I understand that the percentage of lot coverage of the new building would actually be about the same or slightly less than the original.
- The city is in need of additional housing units. This project would help meet that need and help maintain the social and economic vibrancy of the neighborhood.
- The neighborhood could benefit from additional community space. I understand the new building will house meeting rooms and event space that would be open to the public.
- The city has great need for social services from nonprofits like churches. I understand the church helps provide meals to the medically indigent, clothing and food drives for the homeless, and ongoing financial, volunteer, and material support for Samaritan Ministries, a nonprofit providing services to homeless persons in Washington. That work could be expanded with a larger building.

For these reasons, I support the BZA providing a variance to the St. Thomas' Parish project.

Thank you for your consideration,



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