

To: Sarah B.Bardin, Director, Office of Zoning Board, Board of Zoning Adjustment  
441 4th Street, NW, Room 210, Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application #19133 of J.River, 1772 Church Street, St. Thomas Episcopal Parish

Dear Ms.Bardin, On behalf of my husband, Phillip Kadis and myself, who live at 1734 P Street, N.W., Washington, DC, I am writing to express our strong objection to the zoning variance sought by the developer and client proposing to build a massive, seven-storey condominium on Church Street adjoining the new structure to be built for St. Thomas Episcopal Church at 18th and Church Streets, NW. We vehemently oppose the 80-86.7% increase in the building's footprint, the completely unacceptable mass of the design proposed, the hardship falsely claimed by the developer if the company complies with existing zoning limits, and the utter incompatibility of the proposed structure on a residential street with small two- and three-storey historic town- houses, many of which will lose their sunlight, green space in many instances, and the valued character of their residential neighborhood. Rebuilding the church is no doubt of some value to its parishioners, many of whom live in Maryland and Virginia, judging from the automobile license plates in evidence on Sunday mornings, and of importance to the church itself which seeks to re-establish its presence. We have no objection to the rebuilding of a religious institution. Our strong objections -- as stated above -- are to the misleading statements made by the developer and the giant footprint of the condominium. These have nothing to do with religion and everything to do with monetary profit. Willful violations of existing zoning restrictions should be summarily dismissed and roundly rejected by you as Director and by other members of Board of Zoning Adjustment. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Averil Jordan Kadis