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Mr. Frederick L. Hill, Chairman
D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street NW, Suite 2005
Washington, DC 20001

April 17, 2018

Re: BZA Case No. 19377- Lot 1067, Square 3648- Townhouse and New Paulist Father Location at 3015 4th Street, NE

Dear Chairman Hill and Members of the Board:

I am writing to express my support for the BZA application for the proposed project featuring new townhouses and the new Paulist Father building on Lot 1067 in Square 3648. I am a DC resident and am a citizen of the Bloomingdale community. I work at Trinity Washington University, where the Paulist Fathers have served and continue to serve for many years. I worship at St. Martin Church where I became aware of this issue and am therefore offering my perspective in strong support to the Paulist Fathers' proposal.

Of course, preserving green space is important, and I applaud your concerns in this matter. Having a place to bring children to play and to walk and recreate, to pray and reflect is essential is an asset to a neighborhood. Having good neighbors is also important, and the Paulist Fathers are excellent neighbors and fine men, serving the good of others in their vicinity. The land belonged to the Paulists and now they are planning a building which will enable them to continue to live in the neighborhood. This is precisely where they belong, and so their plan is supported by me.

I am pleased to hear that the Paulists have listened and have revised their project in response to community concerns, including greatly reducing the proposed number of townhouses, retaining a greater number of trees on site, enlarging certain open space elements throughout the site and other significant concessions. They have also incorporated feedback made by individual property owners to alter smaller site elements such as driveway locations in an attempt to be as all- inclusive as possible.

I think the project adds a wise addition for this Property and benefits the wider community. This type of investment in the neighborhood increases the value and improves neighbor relations, as the Paulist's reputation in DC supports faith and family values. Thank you for considering my "Yes" vote for the building to move forward, according to hope and plan.

Sincerely, 
Ann Howard, SNDdeN

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