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OFFICE OF ZONING
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Dear Ms. Pruitt-Williams:

This report refers to the Board of Zoning and Adjustments (Board) notice of hearing in the matter of Holy Christian Missionary Baptist Church – BZA Application No. 16372. The Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 7D held a public meeting at 7 p. m. on Friday, July 9, 1999, at the Sixth District Police Headquarters – 42nd Street and Benning Road NE to consider the application.

Four members of the commission constitute a quorum. Three members were present at the meeting. In the absence of a quorum, comments from the residents present were noted and are being forwarded to the board as concerns of the residents.

Without a vote of the Commission, the residents present overwhelmingly agreed that the requested variances not be granted. The following recommendations are presented based on suggestions and comments that were presented by residents at the meeting.

Require the Applicant to conduct full impact studies and share the findings with ANC 7D. The studies should address the potential impact the construction would have on: a) small plants and tree displacement; b) soil erosion and other ecological and environmental changes to the area; c) vehicular traffic increases and parking considerations; d) safety and traffic patterns; and e) property values of the homes in the immediate area of the proposed church site.

The general opinion of most residents present was that the community could not cope with the occasional increase of traffic and individuals to the neighborhood, and, it is the collective opinion that the variances should not be allowed.

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Residents cited the tax-exempt status of the church as another imposition to economic growth in the community.

The influx of transient activity and additional automobile traffic into the area by residents of surrounding jurisdictions could become a nuisance.

Stability of the land may become threatened by major changes to the soil up on the hill that could eventually affect the surrounding neighborhoods with respect unstable surface and soil.

The Chairperson, William E. Wright or Secretary, Michael Creasey may represent this report on behalf of the Commission. Some residents voiced a desire to participate in the hearing of Monday, July 21, 1999.

Chairman: William E. Wright Date: 7/13/99

William E. Wright, Sr.