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To whom it may concern:

We are writing in support of application numbers16593 and 16594, by St. Luke's Episcopal Church for accessory parking use of their lots at 15th and P Street, NW and at 1514-1520 Church Street, NW. Our support is based on the plan proposed and approved by ANC 2B at its public meeting on August 9.

The Stonesdale is a 15-unit condominium building on the corner of 16th and Church Street. The building does not have parking so the residents must find available parking on the street.

The parking situation has gotten very difficult in this neighborhood in recent years. The essential character of the neighborhood has changed from primarily residential to residential and commercial. With the influx of suburbanites coming into the neighborhood for activities at the Jewish Community Center, the Institute for World Politics, the theaters on 14th Street, and the bars and restaurants on 17th Street, finding a place to park has become a real problem for those of us who live in this area and do not have private parking. It is often impossible to find a parking spot on the street at night. This situation will only get worse as more commercial establishments, residential apartments and condominiums are built.

Use of the lots by church members would mean fewer vehicles being parked on the street and would eliminate the problem of churchgoers double parking on 15th Street in front of the church during services. And making the P Street lot available to the community when not in use by the church would further alleviate the parking crunch.

Given the future growth and activity in this neighborhood, with a Fresh Fields and large residential buildings under construction, which will further increase demand for parking, it could be shortsighted not to utilize the sixty-eight parking spaces available in these two lots.

Provided that the lots are operated and maintained according to the terms stated in the ANC approval, and in a manner respectful to the residents living around them, we feel that these two lots would be an asset to the neighborhood and enhance the quality of life for the residents.

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We thank you for your time and your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Michael Dolan at 202-667-0534.

Thank you.