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Washington, D.C. 20005

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RE :File # 16593 and File # 16594

Mrs. Sheila Cross Reid, Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 210-S
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Mrs. Reid,

I am writing you today in support of St. Luke's Episcopal Church's application to use its lots located at 1503 P Street N.W. and 1514-1520 Church Street N.W. for parking of its members and guests during church activities and special events.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church has had a long history of working with this community and for this community and in recent years it along with the city government has made improvements to the property. These actions should be rewarded by being allowed to use its property for what it needs most rather than having it stand vacant because a few interlopers who will never be satisfied want it.

My family has been members of the church since July 31st of 1907 and unlike the new members of the community have worked together in weathering the good and the bad. All of the current resident who owner property which looks upon the church's property knew what their property viewed when they made their purchase and should not be believed to be victims just because the church wants to do what it has been doing what it has been doing for the last forty years with its property.

The neighborhood in which this property resides has many churches that have no place for their members and guests to park when they visit. Can this board in looking at the good of all not allow this church to use its property in this way? The church does not believe that the use of its property as parking lots will create problems for the surrounding community nor have a detrimental impact on the immediate neighbors and I agree.

Respectfully,

Charles Thomas Lewis
Member of St Luke Episcopal Church
and resident of the community

cc: St. Luke Episcopal Church
1514 15th Street, N.W.
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