The Downtown Cluster of Congregations

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Chairperson Sheila Cross-Reid & Members
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W. Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

BZA Application # 16603; Lot 50, Square 17

Dear Chairperson Reid & Members,

I am writing to express my support for a FAR variance to 10.25 FAR for residential apartment house use on the site and for a variance from the residential recreation open space requirement for the above referenced property.

This proposal is fully in keeping with the goals of several major planning initiatives for the downtown area over the past decade which seek to expand preferred use development. This project will deliver **400 housing units - a tremendous contribution to the ambitious residential goals set in the Mayor's Downtown Task Force Report**. This in turn will strengthen the retail and entertainment objectives also outlined in the plan.

I have discussed with the applicant that contact will be initiated with neighboring congregations and others in addressing construction impacts, and construction opportunities for local programs.

In short, this proposal makes possible a project that delivers for the community on several fronts - **new residents, new revenues, and helps give impetus to surrounding, related projects. I hope that you will be able to assist by approving this application.**

Respectfully,

Terrance Lynch
Executive Director

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