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Ms. Sheila Cross Reid, Chair
District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment
One Judiciary Square
Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Ms. Reid:

I write in support of the Fairview Heights Neighborhood Association's appeal to the Board of Zoning Adjustment regarding the development of the Sikh temple at 3801 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.

Since June, my office has explored numerous options to slow this development until a proper review could be performed by neighborhood residents since notice of the issuance of permits had not been provided to the affected Advisory Neighborhood Commission. In addition, there is substantive merit to the appeal based on setback requirements for churches built in residentially zoned areas. Although regulations offer latitude in the construction of religious buildings in residential neighborhoods, such structures should not alter the character of the neighborhood.

Should you have need for further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

David A. Catania
Councilmember (At-Large)

cc: Jerrily Kress, Director, Office of Zoning (BZA Case No. 16604)
Andrew Altman, Director, Office of Planning
Lloyd Jordan, Director, Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs

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