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Mr. Jerrily R. Kress, FAIA
Director, Board of Zoning Adjustment
Government of the District of Columbia
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 210-S
Washington, DC 20001

RE: **Application Number 16644** – Application of Arabic Baptist Church, pursuant to 11 DCMR 3103.2, for a variance from Section 405 from the side yard setback requirements to build an addition to an existing structure in an R-1 District at premises 4605 Mass

Dear Mr. Kress:

The Board of Trustees of Sixth Church of Christ, Scientist, Washington, DC, (Sixth Church) requests permission to appear and participate as an interested party at the public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, January 2, 2001, on the matter of Application Number 16644.

At this time, the Trustees of Sixth Church does not know enough about the details of the application to determine whether we are proponents or opponents of the application. We hope to learn more about the Arabic Baptist Church's expansion plans preferably before, but also at the Board of Zoning's hearing. Our request is that a representative of Sixth Church's Board of Trustees be allowed to attend the hearing.

The reasons why Sixth Church's Board of Trustees feels that they should be represented at the hearing are these:

1) Sixth Church's property adjoins the property of the applicant.

2) Legal interest: Sixth Church is the owner of property adjoining property of the applicant.

3) The distance between the applicant's property and Sixth Church is zero feet – the properties abut.

4) Environmental, economic or social impacts: These are unknown to Sixth Church at this time, but the Board of Trustees hopes to learn more about these impacts both before and at the hearing.

5) Other relevant matters: The Board of Trustees for Sixth Church is charged with a responsibility to the members of Sixth Church to be aware of any changes that may affect the church's property.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Mark M. Sheehan
Chairman, Board of Trustees

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Case No. 16644
Exhibit No. 23

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
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EXHIBIT NO.23