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From: James D. Berry, Jr.
Chairperson

Subject: Application No. 16675 – of Saint George's Episcopal Church to add an addition to an existing church building over a plaza connecting a townhouse annex.

COMMENTS:

A hearing of the above-referenced matter is scheduled to take place on the afternoon of Tuesday, February 27, 2001. Therefore, please deliver to Secretary Pruitt and/or Chairperson Reid upon receipt!

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Attention: Sheri M. Pruitt, Secretary

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RE: Application No. 16675 -- of Saint George's Episcopal Church to add an addition to an existing church building over a plaza connecting a townhouse annex.

Dear Chairperson Hood:

This letter is written to formally and respectfully request that the Board of Zoning Adjustment for the District of Columbia waive the "seven day filing requirement for written reports from ANC's" pursuant to 11 DCMR 3307.1, in order that the attached report may become a part of the official record in connection with the above-referenced case.

Please note that the first available opportunity for ANC 5C to formally consider this matter occurred on February 20, 2001 -- the time our regularly scheduled monthly meeting. Hence, it is necessary that we make the instant request for a waiver of the seven day filing requirement for the submission of written reports from ANC's.

We thank you in advance for your favorable response to our request for a waiver of the seven day filing requirement for written reports from ANC's; indeed, we trust that the attached report will be given a chance to receive the "great weight" to which it is entitled.

Yours truly,

James D. Berry, Jr.
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RE: BZA Application No. 16675

Dear Chairperson Reid:

I write on this occasion to inform you that the officers and members of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5C (ANC 5C) met on February 20, 2001 to consider, among other issues, the above-referenced application of Saint George's Episcopal Church (St. George's), pursuant to 11 DCMR 3103.2, under Subsection 403.2,for a variance from the lot occupancy limitation to add an addition to an existing church building over a plaza connecting a townhouse annex to serve as a place of worship and an outreach program to serve families and the youth in an R-4 District at premises 160 U Street, N.W. (Lots 38 and 90, Square 3114). In this regard, it is important to note that timely and proper notice was given to the public concerning this regularly scheduled monthly meeting and it should also be indicated that a quorum of our membership was present at the time that this issue was discussed with the Reverend Vincent Powell Harris, Pastor of St. George's, and subsequently voted upon by the body.

In brief, ANC 5C would like to extend its unanimous support for the applicant's request for special relief from the Board of Zoning Adjustment in order to build an addition on to its existing facility, as we have determined that the completion of this work will ***not*** result in any adverse impact upon the surrounding community. Very simply, we see the church's current plans to build the addition as a mere opportunity for it to provide needed, additional space in which to more comfortably conduct the religious services and the community outreach programs for which it has been historically renowned in our service area throughout the years.

It is significant to point out that the current application from St. George's also enjoys the support of several community organizations, including but not limited to the Bloomingdale Civic Association, Inc., and Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B. In fact, the church has worked closely and cooperatively with the Bloomingdale Civic Association, Inc., to refine, improve and transform its plans into the proposal that will be presented to the Board of Zoning Adjustment at

the BZA's hearing of the matter on February 27, 2001. Further in this connection, it must be said that St. George's has been extraordinarily cooperative with and supportive of the efforts of ANC 5C and other community groups to improve the quality of life for all in the neighborhood in which it resides. Indeed, at time when many urban churches tailor their programmatic services to meet the needs of their largely suburban membership, Fr. Harris and the church's leadership have taken conscious steps to recruit and actively involve their neighbors in all of their sponsored events and activities. In addition, for many years they have made a special effort to develop and operate programs to address the multiple social and other needs of, most notably, our senior citizens as well as our children. St. George's has served as the location of the monthly meetings of the Bloomingdale Civic Association, Inc. for more than the past 15 years and this is but one example of the manner in which the church has made its facilities available for use by indigenous community groups, on a basis that could be termed unconditional. In sum, St. George's has been a model of support and cooperation, as far as churches are concerned within the service area of ANC 5C; hence, this is one of the reasons why we are pleased to be in the position to support the church in their instant endeavor.

We thank you in advance for seriously considering the position of ANC 5C with respect to BZA Application No. 16675. Indeed, we trust and expect that you will give our comments on this matter the "great weight" to which they are entitled.

Yours truly,

James D. Berry, Jr.
Chairperson

cc: The Reverend Vincent Powell Harris
Saint George's Episcopal Church

Members, ANC 5C

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