The Downtown Cluster of Congregations

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Chairperson Sheila Cross Reid & Members
DC Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Re: Case #16700 Via: Fax & Post

Dear Chairperson Reid & Members,

I am writing to express my support for this application to develop over **300 units of housing in the downtown area**. The current proposal will create some **200 construction jobs, and 20 new permanent jobs**. The revenues to the District from the site will jump from about $65,000 a year in property taxes currently to over **$650,000 in property taxes, while the residents will generate some $1,000,000 annually in personal and sales taxes.**

I understand that the applicant has received **approval from the D.C. Historic Preservation Review Board, given their pledge to restore 3 historic buildings on site in their entirety**.

There are several waivers the project needs to move forward - lot occupancy requirement, FAR, and recreational space requirements. I understand these waivers not to be excessive in nature.

I hope that the Board will be able to support this project. **It has been a long held goal to bring new residents, jobs, and shops to this area which has been neglected and vacant for some time**. This project will jumpstart rejuvenation of this important corridor between the Capitol and Mt. Vernon Square. I greatly appreciate your on-going efforts and good works.

Respectfully,

Terrance Lynch
Executive Director

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