CITY GATE

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Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street N.W.
Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Board Members:

City Gate is a faith-based non-profit incorporated on October 11, 2000 in the District of Columbia. We are sponsored by Calvary Baptist Church (8th & H Streets, NW), which has a long history of community service and urban mission. We have received our IRS tax exemption.

We would request a waiver or reduction in the $1200 application filing fee for the special exception we are requesting for 3917 16th St., NW, formerly St. Luke's Serbian Orthodox Church (our use for church programs and non-profit organization continue similar uses as those conducted by the church).

We would request relief from the fee because our resources as a new church-sponsored community organization are limited, and are needed for the ministries we seek to carry out in serving our city. These activities are summarized in our Articles of Incorporation as follows:

A. To embody (through strategies of partnership, practical activities and programs of ministry) a vision of community based upon justice, compassion, and spirituality; and to express this vision of community in practical ways that value every individual and which promote the growth of love and justice in personal and social relationships.
B. To help those on the margins of urban society to obtain access to the benefits of the mainstream; and to provide bridges of friendship and service for individuals and mission groups in the mainstream to understand and participate in the struggles and challenges of the disadvantaged or disenfranchised in our cities;
C. To use available resources to offer services to urban youth, to the homeless, the poor, the immigrant, or others who are disadvantaged or disenfranchised on the basis of need; and to enlist support from those among the general public who wish to strengthen our communities through programs of service and education.

We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lynn Bergfalk
President and Executive Director

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