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I write this letter in regard to Application # 16875, an application by the All Souls Memorial Episcopal Church (2300 Cathedral Ave NW) to rent parking spaces in its private parking lot. I live directly across the street from the parking lot and was never consulted or advised by the Church as to this application. Eventually, I did see a sign that was posted regarding the application hearing, but my work schedule did not allow me to attend the hearing. I oppose the application.

My concerns are very simple. The 2700 block of Woodley Place NW is, for the most part, a quiet residential street. Other than on Sunday mornings, the Church parking lot is also relatively quiet and currently fits in well with the rest of the neighborhood. Converting the private lot into a commercial way station for transient vehicles will greatly disturb the safety and overall character of the street. We surely do not need additional traffic and noise on a street that already is overcrowded with cars in search of on-street parking. Property values will be negatively affected, eroding the District's tax base.

Furthermore, considering that my house is within 50 feet or so of the lot, I would have expected that someone from the Church would have consulted me and the other neighbors on the plan of renting out the lot. Surely the Woodley Park Community Association or ANC-3C should have communicated the proposed plan to the neighborhood. If they had communicated the plan to me, I would have been able to express my opposition earlier in the process.

While I recognize that the Church would like to generate additional revenue, it must realize that it is just one of many members of the neighborhood and this pursuit of revenue must not adversely affect the neighborhood in which it is located.

Sincerely,

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