Application number: 16888
June 25 2002

Opposition to Request For Parking

Name: Alesia M Tolson
Address: 4256 Meade St NE
Washington DC 20019

D.C. OFFICE OF ZONING
RECEIVED
2002 JUN 25 AM 8:

I am a resident of the Eastland Gardens community, residing at 4256 Meade St NE. My family moved to this address in Janudry 1994 and one of the things that attracted us to this area was the quiet residential appeal of the neighborhood itself. I am here to express my vehement opposition to the Zion Baptist Church's application for parking on what is now a vacant lot at the corner of Kenilworth Avenue and Meade St NE.

My house is directly across the street from the property being considered for parking. I have concerns and questions about this request. My understanding is that this lot would become a "parking lot" and that bothers me. The impact that a parking lot would have on my reasonably quiet street leaves me extremely concerned and angry. What will this do to the value of my property? Who would want to purchase a house across the street from a parking lot. It would [illegible]

BZA Case No. 16888 Exhibit No. 27

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO.16888
EXHIBIT NO.27

to sell. I would not have purchased my house if there was a parking lot in that space. I also wonder if there is actually sufficient space for parking — it's a small area and the parking of cars would be an eyesorer and detract from the aesthetics of the neighborhood.

Parking lots in themselves present an array of problems. I wonder if anyone will be assigned to guard this parking lot. Cars parked on a parking lot takes away my view. Parked cars will easily attract crime — car jackings, stolen vehicles, damaged vehicles. Other cars with mechanical breakdowns will feel free to "park" on this lot. Who will stop them? Passerbyers and foot traffic would begin to use this lot an a place to loiter and litter. There would be drinking, drug transactions and use of drugs, loud talking, loud music and eventual altercations, which would clearly upset and detract from the serenity I have enjoyed all these years. My grandson plays outside and I would be worried about his safety as well as that of other kids who now safely ride their bikes and walk past [illegible] property.

TO: CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT

FROM: A. TOLSON
4256 MEADE ST. NE.
WASHINGTON DC. 20019-1977

RECEIVED
D.C. OFFICE OF ZONING
2002 JUN 25 AM 8:41

RE: OPPOSITION TO REQUEST FOR PARKING
APPLICATION # 16888