GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE ON AGING

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Mr. Geoffrey Griffis
Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA)
D.C. Office of Zoning
441 Fourth Street, NW. Suite 210 South
Washington, D.C. 20001

RE: BZA Application: No. 17013

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the BZA Board:

The D.C. Office on Aging supports the First Rock Baptist Church and MissionFirst Development application for a zoning variance and special exception to construct J.W. King Senior Center, an affordable apartment building to be located at 4638 H Street, SE. As the State and Area Agency on Aging for the District of Columbia, we encourage the development of affordable housing for the growing senior population.

The community benefits from this project by having a housing option for our elderly neighbor, friend and/or relative that will help them stay in the neighborhood. The social and community value of this project contributes to neighborhood stability.

Seniors are an important part of the community and projects such as this will allow them to live with dignity and independence in housing that is affordable, appropriate, accessible and qualitative.

We hope that you favorably consider their request for a zoning variance and special exception for this project that will have a positive impact in the revitalization of the Benning Heights community of Far Northeast.

Sincerely,

E. Veronica Pace
Executive Director

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cc: Kevin B.W. White, MissionFirst

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