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VIA HAND-DELIVERY

District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Application for Special Exception Relief Regarding the Property located at 4275 4th Street, S.E. (Square 6242, Lot 834)

Dear Honorable Members of the Board:

Enclosed please find a Special Exception Application on behalf of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Washington in conjunction with its affiliate, Victory Youth Centers, Inc., (the "Applicant") to allow the construction of a gymnasium/youth recreation center for use on the campus of St. Thomas More Church and School at the above-referenced location. Attached kindly find the following documents:

1. A completed BZA Form 120 Application (Tab 1);

2. A letter from the Applicant authorizing Furey, Doolan & Abell, LLP to file the Application and represent the Applicant in all matters before the Board (Tab 2);

3. A completed BZA Self-Certification Form 135 (Tab 3);

4. A building plat depicting the buildings on the Applicant's property, prepared by Robert Mereness, a D.C. licensed engineer (Tab 4);

5. A site plan and architectural plans depicting the existing and proposed conditions in the location of the proposed gymnasium/youth recreation center, prepared by Mathew Locraft, a D.C. licensed architect (Tab 5);

6. The statement of existing and intended uses of the proposed building (Tab 6);

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7. The statement of how the Applicant meets the burden of proof for special exception relief (Tab 7);

8. Photographs of pertinent portions of the Applicant's property (Tab 7);

9. List of names and mailing addresses (including mailing labels) of the owners of all property within 200 feet in all directions of the boundaries of the Applicant's property (Tab 9); and

10. Certificates of Occupancy for the church and school (Tab 10).

This project has received support from Mayor Anthony Williams, Council Member Sandra Allen (Ward 8), the Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Mr. O.V. Johnson, Single Member District 8D02), public agencies such as the Department of Housing and Community Development ("DHCD"), as well as broad community support from the Washington Interfaith Network and from the parishioners and neighbors of St. Thomas More. Please see the attached letter of support from Mr. Johnson of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission. Also, kindly see the attached letter from the DCHD approving public funds for this project in the form of a loan. Additional letters of support from the Covenant Full Potential Development Center, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and Paramount Baptist Church are also included. Finally, letters of support will be submitted shortly by Council Member Sandra Allen and the Rev. Dr. Susan Newman, the Mayor's Advisor for Public Affairs.

We believe this application is complete and acceptable for filing. Enclosed kindly find a check in the amount of $1200 for the filing fee. On behalf of the Applicant, we hereby request that the Board schedule a public hearing on the application as soon as possible. We are prepared to answer any questions or provide any additional information you may require.

Sincerely,

Megan Wallace

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Enclosures

cc: Matthew Whalen, Whalen Construction Company