



ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL ACTION

May 1, 2026

U.S. CAPITOL PRECINCT

AOC File No. [260306-20-01](#)

Submission of

**St. Joseph's on Capitol Hill Catholic Church, Inc., Special Exception:
Pursuant to Subtitle C § 305.1 and Subtitle X § 901.2 of Title 11 of the
District of Columbia Municipal Regulations for
Special Exception from Subtitle C § 302.1 subdivision regulations and
Pursuant to Subtitle X § 1002 for Area Variance from Subtitle C § 305.3
theoretical subdivision rear yard requirements at
313 2nd Street, NE (Square 756, Lots 47, 52, 827, and 828), Washington, DC 20002,
in the RA-2/CAP zone.**

Approximate Meeting Decision Date: June 24, 2026

BZA Application No. [21436](#)

Architect of the Capitol Action requested by the Board

Review the application to raze an existing accessory structure and
construct a new, detached, two-story religious building in the RA-2/CAP zone.

**DC Board of Zoning Adjustment
2nd Floor Suite 210
441 4th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001**

Chair and Members of the Board:

Pursuant to its authority to review and report on Special Exceptions and Area Variances within the U.S. Capitol precinct, the **Architect of the Capitol** has found the relief requested to raze an existing accessory structure and construct a new, detached, two-story religious building in the RA-2/CAP zone at 313 2nd Street, NE (Square 756, Lots 47, 52, 827, and 828) that does not meet subdivision regulations of Subtitle C § 302.1 and does not meet theoretical subdivision rear yard requirements of Subtitle C § 305.3 **is not inconsistent** with the intent of the RA-2/CAP zone and **would not** adversely affect the public health, safety, and general welfare of the U.S. Capitol Precinct and area adjacent to this jurisdiction. The **Architect of the Capitol has no objections to this application.** **The Applicant, however, is still responsible for meeting the burden of proof associated with the relief requested and consistency with general intent of the Zoning Regulations, and should provide the Board with adequate testimony that the relief requested has little or no impact on the adjacent neighbors.**

Sincerely,

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Special Delegate of the Architect of the Capitol

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO. 21436
EXHIBIT NO. 23