

**COMMISSIONER EMILY LUCIO  
SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE  
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 5A-03**

July 9, 2026

Board of Zoning Adjustment  
For the District of Columbia  
441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W.  
Suite 210S  
Washington, D.C. 20001

**Re: Letter in Support of BZA Case No. 21059  
Application of The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Washington and his  
successors in office, a corporation sole  
Buchanan Street Townhomes (Lot 23, Square 3894)**

Dear Members of the Board:

As the Single Member District Representative for Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5A-03, I write in strong support of the above-referenced application, which seeks to reinstate the approval of the townhouse development granted in BZA Order No. 20749. For the reasons set forth below, I respectfully urge the Board to approve this application.

The developer engaged in extensive and meaningful community outreach in connection with the original BZA approval. Those efforts were responsive to neighborhood concerns and resulted in green space and roads for future connectivity that will enhance the immediate neighborhood. Also, neighborhood stakeholders proposed numerous conditions in connection with the approval, which the developer accepted. As a result of the developer's commitments, ANC 5A issued a report, dated October 12, 2022, in unanimous support of the townhouse development. A copy of that report is attached hereto for the Board's reference.

Redevelopment of the subject property has been underway over the past year, demonstrating the developer's commitment to this project. The developer has maintained regular and transparent communication with me and other neighborhood stakeholders throughout the process. Our most recent discussions relate to design refinements and unit types for a portion of the townhomes, and the developer has continued to be receptive to community input.

While ANC 5A will not meet prior to the public hearing on BZA Case No. 21059, the Commission's prior support for this project remains on record. As the Single Member District Representative whose district includes the subject property, and in light of the developer's demonstrated track record of community engagement and progress toward the redevelopment of the subject property, I respectfully and strongly urge the Board to grant timely approval of BZA Case No. 21059. This project will deliver much-needed housing and neighborhood benefits.

Sincerely,

*Emily Lucio*

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