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Carol Mitten
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Dear Chair and Members of the Commission, I am writing about ZC Case No. 02-22 (Petition to rezone Lots 103-106 and 109 in Square 754).

I have been a resident of Capitol Hill for over 20 years and was thrilled to hear that the ugly vacant building 6 blocks from my home and across the street from my children's former daycare center in the Thurgood Marshall Judiciary Center was finally going to be renovated an put back to use by the National Community Church (NCC). I only wish it happened sooner when my children were still attending the daycare center. However, I am still more than happy to see the eyesore put to productive use that will benefit the community and provide jobs and revenues to continue NCC's service to the community.

I also started attending the NCC's services and other functions over a year ago and even though I have been a lifelong Catholic, I find the worship and Pastor's weekly sermon much more useful and relevant to life's daily trials and tribulations. The church also offers appropriate religious services and playtime for my children during the service attending to their needs in a manner the Catholic church has never met. Furthermore, the church has consistently attended to the needs of the Capital Hill community (eg., held a number of events for area children irregardless of religious background or church attendance, engaged in a neighborhood beautification project, repainted the home of an elderly woman in the neighborhood, held a clothing drive for local shelters, etc.).

Thus, I am confused and frustrated to hear that some politically connected individuals that do not even live in the neighborhood are opposing this significant improvement. I respectfully urge you to approve this petition to rezone this property and to support the wishes of the residents of the immediate area like myself.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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