



December 6, 2007

Reverend Dr. Maxwell M. Washington
St. Matthews Baptist Church
1105 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Reverend Washington:

Pleased find enclosed our updated plans that incorporate the Metro station site. As a result of this our project now is subject to the Capitol Gateway Overlay District and we are required to go before the Zoning Commission to request their approval for our plans. In addition we will be requesting a rear yard waiver for the expanded area (abutting the rear alley) that includes the Metro site. This is very similar to the rear yard waiver we requested (and you supported) at the BZA meeting we all attended last May. I have prepared a letter of support and I am asking for your help by requesting that you sign and return this letter directly to the Zoning Commission. This will greatly help us in receiving the Zoning Commission's approval.

Should you not decide to support our application we would very much appreciate the opportunity to visit with you prior to the hearing date to respond to your concerns. We hope you will be able to support our application. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Donohoe

[ST. MATTHEW'S BAPTIST CHURCH LETTERHEAD]

December __, 2007

Zoning Commission for the
District of Columbia
441 4th Street, N.W.
Room 210S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Application No. 07-32
1111 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.

Dear Members of the Commission:

The undersigned represents St. Matthew's Baptist Church, which is located at 1105 New Jersey Avenue, S.E. St. Matthew's Baptist Church owns the property located directly to the north of the 1111 New Jersey Avenue, S.E. property. We have been made aware by the applicant that it has filed an application seeking design review and approval for new construction along M Street, S.E. pursuant to the Capitol Gateway Overlay District provisions. We understand that this application also seeks a waiver from the rear yard requirements of the Zoning Regulations.

Please be advised that St. Matthew's Baptist Church has no objection to, and supports, the proposed project, including the rear yard waiver, as proposed in Zoning Commission Application No. 07-32.

Sincerely,

St. Matthew's Baptist Church

By: _____
Reverend Maxwell Washington