

Zoning Commission
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Re: Case Number ZC 08-09

Dear Zoning Commission:

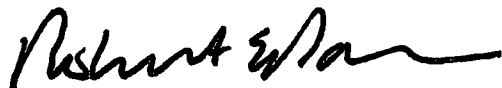
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I wanted to take a minute and express my feelings about the upcoming hearing to consider a request to expand the zoning overlay on the 16th Street and Emerson Street property. I would like to let you know, that I strongly oppose this proposal. I have attended church in the District of Columbia many times and have been actively involved with the congregations that will meet in this new church and can confirm for you the need for this new facility.

I am sure you are aware, but I would like to add that I believe that the concerns over the parking related to this church are vastly overstated. In addition to the underground parking that is being provided (which is substantially in excess of the required parking), there will not be any meaningful travel to the church during rush hours, this building will only be used for church-related activities and there will be no day-care at the church. The congregations that will be using the building will be relatively small.

As a church member that has attended these congregations many times, I can also confirm the need for these facilities as the current church meeting sites have limited space for youth-related activities, children's classes or space for personal reflection. I would respectfully request that you deny this expansion of the zoning overlay to this property and let this new facility move forward.

Thank you very much for your consideration and attention.



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