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District of Columbia Zoning Commission
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Washington, DC 20002

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Re: Zoning Commission Case 08-09, 16th Street Heights Overlay

Dear DC Zoning Commissioners:

We are writing to express our opposition to the proposal to expand the zoning overlay which will affect property purchased by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints ("the Church" or "Church"), located at 16th and Emerson Streets. We are members of the Church and former residents of the District of Columbia ("DC"), who now reside in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Over 20 years ago, when we lived in DC, the Church made the decision to form a congregation in DC so that members of the Church in DC, many who did not have reliable forms of transportation, would not have to travel long distances to Maryland to attend Church services and meetings. The Church has long been searching for an appropriate meeting location for these members in DC. We strongly believe that the fears expressed by those who have petitioned to expand the zoning overlay are unfounded and that a meeting place at 16th and Emerson Streets will not only serve the Church members who are DC residents, but that a Church at this location will bring value to the neighborhood.

The value to DC will come in many forms from property value to the strengthening of family and youth in DC. Our Church buildings are well-maintained, with nicely groomed outdoor landscaping. Additionally, because of our strong beliefs in family, our Church has many programs and organizations for men, woman, and youth. These programs instruct adults on provident living and help men and women find employment and teach adults to nurture their children. The youth programs provide a gathering place for children where they can have fun activities and ultimately learn how to become responsible adults.

We do not see any merit to the argument by the residents in the neighborhood who complain that a Church building will create a burden on the neighborhood. First, the Church's services are on Sunday and activities during the week are held in the evening so there should not be any impact on rush hour traffic. Secondly, the number of Church members in DC is relatively small and members outside DC will continue to attend neighboring congregations in Maryland and Virginia so there should be more than adequate parking for Church members within the Church's plan to create 73 off-street parking spaces, including a costly underground parking garage. Moreover, the Church's buildings are used solely for Church services and activities. There will not be a daycare

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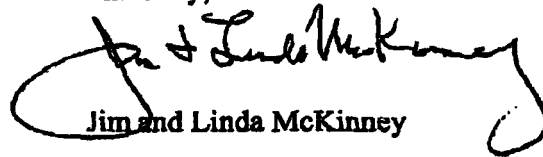
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center or any other kind of business run from the proposed building. Indeed, the Church's buildings are not designed for such use and the Church is not organized for such purposes.

For all these reasons, we oppose the proposal to expand the zoning overlay and respectfully request that you consider the importance of enabling Church members in DC to have an appropriate meeting place of their own.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim & Linda McKinney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. Below the signature, the names "Jim and Linda McKinney" are printed in a standard, sans-serif font.

Jim and Linda McKinney