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D.C. Zoning Commission
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Re. Case Number: ZC 08-09 (16th Street Heights Overlay)

To Whom It May Concern:

It is unfortunate that a few people would be so determined to block a good and valuable construction project, designed to meet the needs of many more D.C. residents than themselves, that they would resort to such questionable tactics as this proposed overlay—despite the fact that their stated concerns (traffic and parking) have been very adequately addressed.

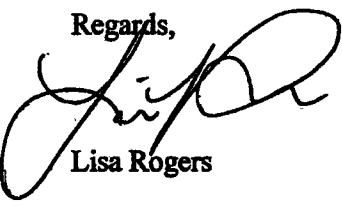
The LDS Church has been working for 15 years, and has invested millions of dollars, to find and acquire property suitable for this one project. It has followed all the rules and satisfied all procedural requirements to date. It has gone out of its way to be thoughtful and accommodating to neighborhood residents and to minimize the impact of the church's operations on their lives. The church will be a beautiful structure, clean and well-kept, that will add value to local real estate. And it will provide a sorely-needed meeting place for local LDS congregants.

Surely, any party seeking to derail the building project at this stage cannot possibly be justified without a very compelling reason. As far as I'm concerned, it had better be a good one. I'll be very interested in hearing what that reason could possibly be.

I sincerely hope this dispute isn't rooted in social malice, and that religious bigotry won't play a part in this process, at any level. Nevertheless, if those seeking to expand the zoning overlay aren't able to come up with a substantial reason for their interference, I don't know what else we are to conclude. I am confident that the Zoning Commission will not allow itself to be swayed by any untoward objections to the LDS faith or its members in general—if anyone doesn't like us for personal reasons, they don't have to join our church. But we shouldn't have to put up with discriminatory antics disguised as zoning proposals.

Thank you sincerely for your time and consideration.

Regards,



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ZONING COMMISSION
District of Columbia

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EXHIBIT NO. 36