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Ms. Steingasser:

I am writing to support construction of the LDS Chapel on 16th and Emerson Streets, NW.

As a twenty year resident of DC (living in wards 3, 4 & 6) and a frequent visitor to Carter Barron and the Tennis Center, I believe that this location is ideally suited for a Chapel (not another embassy or high-rise, which would severely impact the neighborhood).

The plan the LDS Church has in place will significantly limit parking concerns because they have incorporated nearly 75 spots in the plans for the church and because they strictly limit the size of congregations by starting new "wards" versus expanding sanctuaries. As a recent convert to the LDS Church, I have been impressed with their orderly and well-managed use of the buildings (primarily on Sunday). The chapel I attend not only provides a large parking lot, they encourage use of public transportation and constantly remind us to be considerate of neighbors and watchful for any potential negative impact on the neighborhood.

Thank you for your support and please feel free to contact me at 202.898.6688 if you have questions.


Andrew Stirling

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