

September 22, 2008

TO: D.C. Zoning Commission

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IN RE: ZC #08-09 16th Street Heights Overlay, Hearing scheduled
September 22, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

Tonight the D.C. Zoning Commission will hear a proposal (ZC #08-09) which would expand a zoning overlay to include an area where The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (aka the Mormon Church) currently owns property where it intends to build a church. As a member who attends this church in the D.C. area, I am writing to let you know that I strongly oppose this proposal which would inhibit our church from using the property as it was intended.

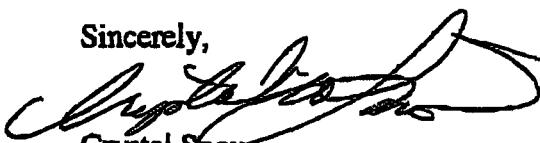
I understand that perhaps area citizens are concerned about the increase in traffic and/or parking issues that could arise as a result of having a new church in the area. However, you can be assured that this will not be a problem. Firstly, our Church intends to build adequate parking for its church members who use the building. Additionally, our churches are often only used for activities during non-rush hour times such as during evening hours and on weekends. Also, when our church grows and reaches its maximum capacity for a congregation, the congregation is divided and another location found where that new congregation can meet. Therefore, the new church will always remain a small neighborhood church that will not negatively affect the area's traffic or parking spaces.

One need only look to how the Mormon Church respects its neighbors in its other meetinghouse locations throughout the area. Our meetinghouse grounds are always well-kept and improve the look of the area. Often our activities include service projects by our members for the community surrounding our church buildings. We also strive to handle any concerns immediately and in a respectful way. Having a Mormon church built in that location will definitely have a positive impact on the area's citizens.

Please do not support the proposal for a zoning overlay in the Zoning Commission Case #08-09. The church members that will use this new building have a great need for a higher functioning building and the location of the church's property is the most, well-situated place for such a building to be located.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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(Fyi, I attend the Mormon church located on Western Ave.)

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