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In favor of Church Project – Against overlay change

Dear Commission Members,

I was born in DC and for the first years of my life lived on 16th Street and attended the old Mormon church at 16th and Columbia Road. After many years living elsewhere, I have now purchased and am remodeling a home on Blagden Avenue, just a few blocks from the subject site. It will probably be my final move.

The Mormon church has searched for many years for a suitable site for its growing congregation in this part of Washington. 16th Street is nothing, if not a street of churches. I cannot imagine that this proposed use would be denied.

I have driven around the property and recognize that, for its use by a local congregation, there is more than sufficient area to accommodate the needed parking on site. And that local congregation use will be its only use.

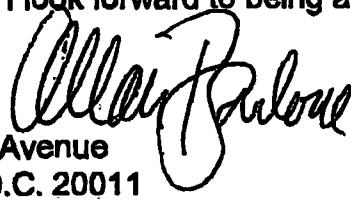
Although I understand the apprehension of the neighbors, having seen many, many Mormon churches of similar size and use located in residential areas throughout the United States, I am 100% convinced that, with complete on site parking and when completed and in use, the neighbors will feel no detriment whatsoever.

Of all the scores of churches along 16th Street, this will be one of, if not the most, self contained and least imposing its neighbors.

Please do not accede to this request to change the overlay zoning. In effect, it would be selective and exclusionary. This church with its members will strengthen the area not diminish it. I look forward to being able to walk to church.

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