

From: Steingasser, Jennifer (OP) (jennifer.steingasser@dc.gov)
To: Ronald Lee
Date: Monday, September 22, 2008 8:01:06 AM
Subject: RE: Let's let the LDS Church build at 16th and Emerson

Dear Mr. Lee,

Thank you for your email regarding Zoning Commission Case 08-09, 16th Street Heights Overlay. Unfortunately, the Office of Planning cannot introduce correspondence into the official record that is not our own. If you wish for the Zoning Commission to hear your comments you are invited to attend the hearing tonight at 6:30. The hearing room is located at 441 4th Street, NW Suite 200 South, Washington DC 20002. If you cannot attend the hearing you are also invited to submit written comments. Written comments can be submitted by mail to the above address or faxed to 202-727-6072. All correspondence should include the case number (ZC 08-09), and your name, address and signature. Emails cannot be accepted into the official record. Thank you for your interest in the case.

Sincerely,
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From: Ronald Lee [mailto:ronblee@yahoo.com]
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This is a strong endorsement for the LDS Church to be able to build at 16th and Emerson. First we have to erase our thoughts about churches we may associate with when we consider the Mormans. They are neighborhood people who have strong family orientations and are honest and helpful. Did you know that the LDS church is usually the first contributor to disaster relief like what happened in Albany Georgia? Hurricane Katrina? Recent hurricane damage etc? They have spent more that \$100,000,000 in relief all around the world during the last 15 years or so. For what? They get nothing out of it except the feeling of doing the right thing! There are no people getting rich from publicity. I'll bet 9 out of 10 do not even know the leader of the Church. There is no payment for the ministry, there is no payment for the priests, elders, deacons, etc. No payment for anyone doing the Lord's work. Jesus was not paid and neither are the clergymen of the LDS church. The Mormans are some of the best citizens this country has and will do everything it their power to be positive contributors to the health of the region. I love this area. I have lived here for 31 of my 76 years, but I am ashamed of my fellow citizens who are not embracing the building of the LDS church. They can be certain that it will be architecturally pleasing, parking will be handled with 75 spaces above and below ground. I predict that one year after the

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church has been operating, the people of the neighborhood will be bragging about it, just like I understand has happened around the Temple on the Beltway. If it passes, congratulations to an enlightened decision! If it does not pass, it will be one more thing people outside of D.C. can use to prove their thoughts that the D.C. community is backward and does not deserve to be a state. It is shameful that we are even going through this process. I am sorry to make this so long, but this issue is ludicrous and a disgusting waste of everyone's time and the money wasted on both sides!

Ronald B. Lee 9/23/08
Ronald B. Lee

Formerly,

Chairman of the Evaluation Committee, Mayor's Private Industry Committee

Board Member of the Washington Performing Arts Society

Board Member of the D.C. Council of Christians and Jews

Board Member of The Washington Ballet

Chairman of the Capital Children's Museum (who helped get the \$1.7million to buy the site it has now)

Chairman of the Ellington Fund that raised \$6.2 million to renovate Western High School to house the Duke Ellington School of the Arts

Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Duke Ellington School of the Arts

Board Member of the Minority Purchasing Council

President of Phoenix Group International (opened the original Washington Convention Center , etc.)

Many others. All of those were volunteer positions because of love of D.C. Please do not destroy that love by a stupid action.



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RE: ZONING CASE 08-09, 16TH STREET HEIGHTS OVERLAY.

To: Whom it May Concern

The copies of the response from Jennifer Steingasser and my original e-mail to her are self-explanatory.

I have said just about all I want to say at this time, **BUT** if you desire additional information or a personal testimony, I shall be pleased to oblige. I view this as a very serious matter and its resolution will either support allegations that Washington is, indeed, a forward thinking city or it will substantiate the opinions of its critics that it is a town with no foresight, not a present to be extolled nor signs of a future for which the present holds any promise.

Yours sincerely,


Ronald B. Lee