

Summary of the Testimony of Kwasi Holman

I am Kwasi Holman, Junior Warden at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church located at 600 M St SW, and I am pleased to appear in support of the application. As a southwest resident since 1963, and a member of the Church since its inception, I am excited about the potential this PUD offers to continue the presence of the Church for many years to come.

This application fulfills our desire to continue our presence as a diverse and giving part of Southwest. For over 20 years, we have operated our Bread for Life program feeding the homeless in our community. We have provided scholarships and other programs for youth including support for the Arena Stage's Voices of Now program. We have also provided low cost meeting space for a wide range of community groups including ANC 6D, the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Alcoholics Anonymous and other non-profit associations.

Our decision to work with the applicant emerged from a multi-year discernment process during which we explored a wide variety of options for the future of St. Augustine's Church, including the option of closure or merging with another congregation. We believe that this mixed use option with PN Hoffman as currently configured represents our best opportunity to continue to serve our congregation and our fellow residents. The lot coverage and mix of uses provides a balanced solution that allows us to meet our needs while maintaining a scale compatible with the community. Thank you for this opportunity to offer our support for this application.