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Mr. Anthony Hood, Chairman
District of Columbia Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210S
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Z.C. Case No. 11-07C: Request for a Modification to an Approved Campus Plan Further Processing Application
- Zoning Commission Order No. 11-07

Dear Chairman Hood and Members of the Commission:

As one of the closest neighbors to American University located directly across New Mexico Avenue and the new East Campus site, I am writing to express the support of our church for the university's application for a modification to the Zoning Commission Order No. 11-07 to allow AU to construct a two-level underground parking garage.

Over the course of many years, this church and the university have worked together as neighbors to address parking needs. While our church has a sizable parking lot, it is not always ample for large services and related events. AU has allowed our congregation and visitors to use its parking areas including the large Nebraska Avenue parking lot that will become the new East Campus. In turn, our church has provided use of our parking lot for AU on occasions such as graduation when the church also provides space for the Honors Convocation.

With the closing of the Nebraska Avenue parking lot, and a significantly reduced amount of available parking on the East campus, we are already finding new ways to work together. AU is now providing free space in the garage at its School of International Service for those attending our Sunday services. We would also note that on December 24, 2014, when we had three Christmas Eve services, AU generously provided the services of its public safety officers to assist with parking and directing traffic late into the evening. And AU continues to maintain its policy of free parking in its campus garages during the week (after 5pm) and on weekends.

We are also aware that other nearby neighbors have also benefited on a number of occasions over the years when AU provided free parking during winter storms and when roads in nearby developments were closed for resurfacing.

We have no objection to the university's proposal to construct a two-level underground garage instead of a one-level garage on the new East Campus and urge the Commission to approve the application to make it possible.

We also appreciate the university's efforts to accommodate buses/motor coaches on its main campus.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Dr. Charles Parker

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