

Anthony Hood

Chairperson, D.C. Zoning Commission

D.C. Office of Zoning

441 4th Street NW, Suite 210

Washington, DC 20001

Re: Z.C. Case No. 15-05 – Riverside Baptist Church PUD

Dear Mr. Hood,

I write this letter in support of the application of Riverside Baptist Church to build a new building. I have been in relationship with the church for over thirty years and have developed a very close relationship with Pastor Bledsoe, a relationship that stretches over twenty-five year.

Temple Micah has brought groups both student and adult to Riverside Baptist Church many times and over many years to participate in their worship and to learn about Christianity and the universal values that different faith traditions can share.

Member of the Temple Micah community and members of the Riverside Baptist Church community have met in inter-faith dialogue as a way of strengthening the fellowship between our respective congregations. These sessions have met at both Temple Micah and Riverside Baptist Church.

Pastor Bledsoe and I share a deep friendship. Our interfaith conversation has informed my rabbinate and strengthened my faith. I am a person of stronger faith and deeper in my commitment to God and humanity because of the relationship that we have shared.

All of the above and more, I believe, has strengthened our respective faith communities, Southwest Washington and the city at large.

Sincerely,

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