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Anthony Hood, Chairperson
Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia
441 Fourth Street, NW Suite 220S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application for a Consolidated Planned Unit Development and Zoning Map Amendment for Westminster Church at 400 I Street, SW (Square 499, Lot 52)

Dear Chairperson Hood and Commissioners:

I write to express my support for the application for a Consolidated Planned Unit Development (PUD) Application and Zoning Map Amendment for the Westminster Church project at 400 I Street, SW (Square 499, Lot 52), and located within Ward 6. I join the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, the Southwest BID, the James Creek Resident Council, and the Greenleaf Gardens Resident Council in support of this project. Additionally, I have confidence that Westminster will work closely with ANC 6D to continue being a strong community partner and good neighbor.

The dedicated affordable housing – 123 units for seniors on a fixed income – stands out in this project. More than half of the new homes created will meet this deep need. We don't see that level of affordable housing very often, even on government-owned properties. It's a purpose and priority I strongly support.

Westminster has also been a pillar of the Southwest community for decades, with a history in Ward 6 that goes back over 150 years and at its current 4th & I Streets location for many decades. Whether serving hundreds of meals a day to AIDS patients in the 1980s, hosting over 1000 live performances at its weekly Jazz Night in DC program going back to 1999, opening its doors to community meetings, holiday toy and food drives, and candidate forums, or advocating for a Build First option for its neighbors in Greenleaf Gardens, Westminster is the definition of a true community partner and good neighbor.

Thank you for considering these factors in your review of Westminster's application. Please make this letter a part of the official record for this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles Allen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Councilmember Charles Allen, Ward 6
Chair, Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety

cc: Commissioner Gail Fast, Chair – ANC6D