



June 29, 2020

Zoning Commission  
of the District of Columbia  
441 4th Street, NW #210  
Washington, DC 20001

**Re: Support for Z.C. Case No. 20-12  
400 I Street, SW (Square 499, Lot 52)**

Members of the Zoning Commission:

On behalf of the John Hancock Life Insurance Company owner of the Modern on M, an apartment building located at 465 M Street, SW, approximately one block to the southwest of the site, I write to express my strong support for the above-referenced application for a new mixed-use development to be located at 400 I Street, SW. Redevelopment of this site will have a positive impact on the surrounding community and I encourage the Commission to approve this important project.

I have discussed the project with the development team and have reviewed the architectural drawings submitted to the case record. I believe that the proposed building height and density are appropriate for the Property given the surrounding uses and neighborhood and planning context. The project will provide significant new housing and affordable housing in the Southwest, which will improve the community and offer new affordable choices for seniors to age in place. The building has been designed with high quality materials that will enhance the intersection of 4<sup>th</sup> and I Streets and seamlessly integrate the Westminster Church into the otherwise residential development. The Church has been a vital part of this community for many years and we are pleased to see that it is remaining in place within a new and improved space.

For these reasons, I believe that the Property's redevelopment as currently proposed will result in a project that improves the site, increases vibrancy of the neighborhood, and enhances the quality of life in the community. I therefore respectfully request that the Commission approve this project as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Josh Posnick", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

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