

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH

14 M Street, SE
Washington, DC

September 1, 2022

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

Re: Support for the project at 1100 South Capitol Street, SE

Dear Members of the Zoning Commission:

I am writing this letter on behalf of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, the property located at 14 M Street, SE. The purpose of this letter is to express the church's support for the application to the Zoning Commission to develop a new residential building at 1100 South Capitol Street, SE, the property directly adjacent to the church.

Our church has been an important part of the Southeast community since establishing our current location in 1903 at the intersection of South Capitol and M Streets. Among the many functions we provide our parishioners are weekday and Sunday Mass, and the hosting of milestone events such as baptisms, weddings and funerals. We also provide important services for the needy in our community, such as our food pantry.

After a few difficult decades, I am pleased to report that our parish is growing again thanks to the many new residents moving into our neighborhood. It would be a great help to us if our church property could begin to reflect this resurgence. Unfortunately, although our parish is growing, we have not yet been in a position to complete all of our desired repairs or the improvements that we envision for the church property.

Over the past year, representatives of the developer of 1100 South Capitol have met with us to explain the project, review architectural drawings, and discuss potential impacts of the project on our property. As a result of these numerous meetings, we are working on a plan whereby the developer will support our efforts to improve the outward appearance of the church. The improvements being discussed include replacing the chain link fencing that surrounds the church with new ornamental fencing; repaving and landscaping the church parking lot; and replacing and adding landscaping throughout our property.

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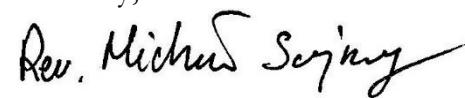
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The proposal by the developer to undertake these improvements represents a unique opportunity for our church to restore its visual prominence at the primary intersection of our neighborhood and to further the emergence of South Capitol Street as a beautiful boulevard for everyone to enjoy.

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Parish offers its support for the proposed project as it has been presented to us by the developer, and we encourage the Commission to approve the application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. Michael Sajnog". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

The Rev. Michal Sajnog

Pastor