



DC Jobs With Justice
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1640 Columbia Rd. NW
Washington, DC 20009

May 20, 2025

Zoning Commission
of the District of Columbia
441 4th Street, NW, Ste. 200
Washington, DC 20001

**Re: ZC Case No. 24-14 – Emory United Methodist Church (“Emory”)
Letter of Support**

Dear Commissioners:

Please allow this letter to serve as DC Jobs With Justice’s letter of support for Emory’s request to rezone their property located at 1459 Columbia Road, NW from the RA-2 zone to the RA-4 zone.

DC Jobs with Justice is a dynamic coalition of labor organizations, community groups, faith-based organizations, and student groups dedicated to protecting the rights of working people, supporting community struggles, and promoting racial justice to build a more just society.

We believe that worker and tenant rights are civil rights. We are committed to the creation of living wage jobs, support of economic and social justice here and abroad, and maintaining pressure to demand corporate accountability in our communities, and creating a fair and just future for communities of color.

In its work, DC Jobs with Justice gives priority to the struggles impacting the most vulnerable workers in our community: low-wage workers, immigrants, people of color, women, youth and seniors. This is why DC JWJ supports Emory’s request for rezoning. This project will provide housing, workforce development training, financial literacy, counseling, and healthcare. This incredible project would significantly contribute to the overall affordable housing supply in the Columbia Heights neighborhood and serve community members. For these reasons, we urge the Zoning Commission to approve Emory’s request to rezone their property from the RA-2 zone to the RA-4 zone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Damiana Dendy", written in a cursive style.

Name: Damiana Dendy
Title: Housing Organizer & Advocate