



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

May 15, 2025

To the DC Zoning Commission,

I'm writing to share our support for Emory Fellowship's request to rezone their property at 1459 Columbia Road NW from RA-2 to RA-4.

Food Rescue US – DC is a local nonprofit that connects surplus food from local businesses to people in our community who are at risk of hunger. Since 2016, we've worked with hundreds of volunteers to move good, fresh food to where it's needed most—free of charge and with as little waste as possible.

We know from experience that food insecurity and housing insecurity go hand in hand. That's why we believe strongly in Emory's vision for creating more affordable housing in Columbia Heights. It's a much-needed step toward stability for neighbors who are struggling, and it aligns closely with our mission of helping people access basic needs like food and shelter.

Emory has always been a caring, community-centered force in the neighborhood, and we're confident that this rezoning would bring positive, lasting impact to the area. We fully support the request and encourage you to approve it.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kate Urbank", written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kate Urbank
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