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Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia 441 4<sup>th</sup> 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 my 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.

I am a DC native who, for over eleven years, has supported thousands of individuals and hundreds of DC nonprofits, businesses, and groups with the devastating impacts of changes in the city. I am also a long-time resident of Adams Morgan, with a number of friends, community and work connections to Columbia Heights. I have directly experienced the rapid changes to Columbia Heights, Mt. Pleasant, and Adams Morgan over the last two decades; and I routinely support people who are housing insecure in the neighborhood, as well as the community members that care for them, because of the level and scope of changes that have taken place that haven't taken their well-being into account.

Therefore, I am excited about the Emory project and we strongly support Emory's efforts to rezone their property because doing so would significantly contribute to the overall affordable housing supply in the Columbia Heights neighborhood, which will positively impact the neighborhood's vibrancy. For these reasons, I urge the Zoning Commission to approve Emory's request to rezone their property from the RA-2 zone to the RA-4 zone.

Sincerely,

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