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

Dear Commissioners:

Please allow this letter to serve as Latin American Youth Center’s (LAYC) 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.

LAYC is a nationally recognized youth development agency whose mission is to empower a diverse population of youth to achieve a successful transition to adulthood through multicultural, comprehensive, and innovative programs that address youths’ social, academic, and career needs. We support Emory’s efforts and recognize their role in creating sustained impact for families in the Columbia Heights neighborhood.

Accordingly, we 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 and improve the neighborhood’s vibrancy. 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,

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