

Honorable Frederick L. Hill, Chairperson,
Honorable Anthony J. Hood, Chairperson, Zoning Commission
Honorable Lesyllee M. White
Honorable Lorna John
Honorable Carlton Hart, National Capital Planning Commission Designee
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200S
Washington, DC 20001

RE: BZA Case No. 19823: Wisconsin Avenue Baptist Church - Sunrise Senior living, 3920 Alton Place, NW

10 November 2018

Dear Chairperson Hill and Members of the Board,

I am writing to register my strong opposition to the super-sized development proposed for the site of the Wisconsin Avenue Baptist Church. My family and I live on Grant Road, in the Grant Road Historic District as designated by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. We directly face the church from the northwest, across Nebraska Avenue, at a distance of less than 150 feet. The houses on this block were built prior to 1860. They are among the oldest structures in this area of the city.

Tyson Burrows, who acquired our house in the 1880s, was the stonemason responsible for many of the distinctive stone retaining walls that characterize Tenleytown. The house we live in functioned as a showcase of his work, and is distinguished by slender stone pillars that support its second story on two sides. The family bedrooms and a bathroom rest atop this series of delicate masonry supports.



These houses were NOT constructed to withstand the demolition, excavation, and construction involved in a massive project such as the one now proposed for the site. The developer's assurance that precautions will be taken and damages covered is completely inadequate. This proposed project puts our houses at serious risk.

We are not opposed to development, nor to senior care facilities. We are strongly opposed to a commercial enterprise using a religious institution to ride rough-shod over zoning regulations. The development of reasonably sized residential units, *such as the plot in question is zoned for*, would not pose a threat to us or our neighbors. The proposed development, by contrast, is vastly too big for the lot.

Sincerely,
Tania Lee
4426 Grant Road, NW
Washington, DC 20016

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tania Lee".