



**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
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**Anita Bonds**  
**Councilmember At-Large**

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Chair, Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization  
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Judiciary

Chairperson Anthony Hood  
Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia  
441 4<sup>th</sup> St. NW  
Suite 220S  
Washington, DC 20201

September 1, 2020

**Re: Support for Planned Unit Development and Zoning Map Amendment for Westminster Church.**

Dear Chairperson Hood and Members of the Commission,

I write today to express my full support for Westminster Church's application and zoning amendment for a consolidated Planned Unit Development (PUD) of their property at 400 I Street, SW (Square 499, Lot 52).

As Chair of the Committee on Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization, which has oversight of the DC Office on Aging and Community Living, I have been advocating and hosting meetings in support of religious institutions transforming their underutilized properties into affordable housing. These efforts compliment Mayor Bowser's goal to add an additional 26,000 affordable units by 2024. Westminster Church's plans will bring 123 units for seniors on fixed incomes and more than half the total units will be at an affordable level.

As a former SW resident having attended numerous community events and programs throughout the years, both as a civic activist and public official, I can attest to Westminster's exemplary record as a valued community partner in the Southwest/Waterfront neighborhood. Therefore, you are urged to give your consideration.

Thank you in advance for giving attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Anita Bonds, District Councilmember At-Large

