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Zoning Commission for the
District of Columbia
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 210S
Washington, D.C. 20001

**Re: Support for PUD and Zoning Map Amendment at 807 Maine Avenue, SW
Z.C. Case No. 22-11**

Dear Members of the Zoning Commission:

On behalf of the Westminster Church (“Westminster”), located at 400 I Street, SW, we are pleased to express our support for the proposed PUD and Zoning Map amendment for property located at 807 Maine Avenue, SW.

Westminster has been an important faith-based institution in Southwest, DC for almost 170 years, with a large congregation of community members and District residents. Throughout the years Westminster has been fully committed to the well-being of Ward 6 and its residents, which has been implemented through our extraordinary human resources and programs. Indeed, we founded Food & Friends in the 1980’s to provide meals to home-bound persons with AIDS; we founded START – a harm reduction program to stop the spread of STDs; we educate children through our Sunday School program; we have worked for justice to fight against racism and the fight for LGBT justice; and we made Jazz Night and Blue Monday Blues among the District’s best and last-standing programs in the city. We have touched thousands of lives and stand with the most vulnerable communities. We have also hosted numerous District government meetings, events, and other activities, including housing the ANC office for many years. In short- we care about and are fervently committed to the wellbeing of our Southwest neighborhood.

With that in mind, we offer our full support for the above-referenced project. The project will provide significant new housing and affordable housing, which is desperately needed throughout the District and in the Southwest in particular. We are impressed with the proposed public space improvements, new landscaping, and proposal for public art surrounding the site. We are supportive of the developer’s proposal to provide direct monetary contributions to the Jefferson Middle School to help in student learning, and to Habitat for Humanity for the development of new affordable housing units in Ward 6. This project will bring many benefits to the District, its residents, and to our community.

Sincerely,



Rev. Brian E. Hamilton
Pastor

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