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May 11, 2023

District of Columbia Zoning Commission
441 4th Street NW, Suite 200S
Washington DC 20001

Re: ZC Case #23-08, Wesley Seminary

Members of the Zoning Commission:

Wesley Theological Seminary (“Wesley”), which resides entirely within ANC 3E’s boundaries, has applied for a Planned Use Development (“PUD”) to build a new dormitory with 659 beds for Wesley and American University (“AU”) students.

Given the housing shortage in the region and inside our ANC’s boundaries, we support in principle the creation of over 600 beds. Given that this is a PUD, however, the project must provide an appropriate mix of amenities and mitigation. Some aspects of Wesley’s current proposal give us pause, such as its intention to limit the Inclusionary Zoning beds it proffers to students.

The next event in this proceeding is a set down hearing. We understand that questions have been raised about the legal sufficiency of Wesley’s PUD application. We take no formal position as to whether the case should be set down.

Rather, we write to say that we will work with Wesley to attempt to resolve our differences, whether that work is completed before the next setdown hearing or the hearing on the merits on the current application.

We hope and cautiously expect to be able to support Wesley’s application to create well-needed housing.

ANC 3E approved this resolution at its meeting on May 11, 2023, which was properly noticed and at which a quorum was present. The resolution was approved by a vote of 0-0-0. Commissioners Jonathan Bender, Diego Carney, Matthew Cohen, Jeffrey Denny, Ali Gianinno Rohin Ghosh, Amy Hall and Tom Quinn were present.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Bender, Chair, ANC 3E