

April 20, 2021

Dear Mayor and City Commissioners,

As an affected party, I would like to express my support for the proposed redevelopment of St. Michael's Episcopal Church.

After having opposed the previous proposal for redevelopment of this same parcel, I believe that the PD land use and zoning is the best approach for our neighborhood and community to have protections against negative impacts. I feel that my property, neighborhood, and community are well protected by the restrictions within the PUD and because of that, I am now supporting this proposal.

In particular, I am most pleased by the protection of the conservation land as a conservation easement. This conservation land is a buffer between the non-residential uses on the property and our neighborhood and I am a huge advocate for anything that creates additional layers of protection for green spaces in our community.

I am not excited to see such a valuable piece of property in the middle of Gainesville to have fallen into such disrepair. I know that this boils down to greed on the part of the owner and because of that greed, I believe that if this proposal is denied, there will soon come another developer with their own ideas for the property. I believe we run the risk of future leaders allowing reckless and thoughtless development leaving us regretful. These developers have engaged with the community to come up with real solutions and shown respect and care for our town. I believe this proposal offers more protections than we have with the current zoning and gives us an opportunity have smart and strategic infill. I ask you to please support this proposal and allow this prime property to become an asset to our community.

Thank you,

Addison Staples

Affected Party

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