



ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Dear Charlotte City Council,

We are writing as stewards of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, located on the corner of 7th Street and North Tryon. It is our understanding that you will vote this evening on the proposed housing development at that location. It has long been our expectation that the new apartments would have a certain percentage of affordable housing units. As a faith community whose vision is to be "a place of unconditional welcome and a beacon of God's love in the heart of Charlotte," we welcome the new apartments and neighbors in our "front yard."

Please count our voices among others in the community who are advocating for the City Council to require the developer to maintain the percentage of affordable units as per the original RFP. In addition, we support the Council's goals regarding development near rapid transit that can reduce the amount of underground parking needed for the project. At a time when many in Charlotte still question the City's commitment to provide needed housing for those in all income brackets, keeping your commitment to the original proposal would be welcomed by many and a good show of faith that Uptown living is not just for those who can make a hefty rental payment. In fact, it can potentially provide housing in proximity to their jobs for some of Charlotte's essential workers. Thanks in advance for your consideration of our opinion.

Sincerely,

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