

FAVORABLE RULING BY MAYOR'S AGENT  
FOR  
THIRD CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

We are pleased and very grateful for the Mayor's Agent's favorable ruling. We will be moving quickly with our architect, Kerns Group Architects of Arlington, Virginia, one of the country's leading ecclesiastical design firms, to develop conceptual plans based on full discussions with our ANC and the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB). During the long, arduous and costly process of obtaining permission to rebuild, we have continually reported that whatever we do will be consistent with the L'Enfant Plan, the Sixteenth Street Historical District, and the National Capital Framework Plan approved last year by the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts. That remains our full intent. We want to establish a welcoming, open presence on this very important corner of our Nation's Capital with architecture that will be both enhancing of its surroundings and significant within itself. The church will be available for appropriate community use, and we will thoughtfully consider possibilities for regular use by adjacent land owners.

Prior to May of last year we were in full partnership with ICG Properties, an adjacent property owner. Since May we had been proceeding on our own, but we are now hopeful that we can rejoin forces with ICG Properties to enhance both of our efforts for a more appealing and useful space on Sixteenth Street.

We are forever grateful to the members of ANC 2B, the Becket Fund, the members of the Downtown Cluster of Congregations, and many others in the neighborhood and religious community who have supported us. We see this building effort as an opportunity to unify the strengths, interests and uniqueness of our city.

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