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Subject: Support for Redeemer Ann Arbor Site Plan ~ Public Hearing 20 September 2022

This email is to voice support for the Site Plan for Redeemer Ann Arbor located at the site of 521 and 525 Detroit Street. I am its immediate neighbor to the south at 515 Detroit Street. I am submitting this email since I continue to avoid group contact for health reasons.

Given the nature of 521-525 Detroit Street, having been identified as significant within the Old Fourth Ward Historic District, this site is complex in terms of its potential use. The plans for the Redeemer project appear to be respectful of the past while bringing the structure to its present day intended use with great care. In response to my inability to attend a neighborhood meeting about this project, I was given a tour of the building at 525 and the intended use of the building was explained. Drawings for the work were shown and explained. This is a well considered undertaking.

I have read and reviewed the documents associated with this site plan. I am appreciative of the fact that Redeemer is agreeable to suggested changes to its landscape plan to be more in keeping with the established fabric of the site.

Street parking will always be in demand on this block of Detroit Street. While this has been less difficult in recent years, it is a condition that comes with our location. In the past, the Treasure Mart drew numerous visitors on a daily basis except for Sundays. The rhythm of that former demand will change given the activities at Redeemer. However, as noted in the documents, there are parking options nearby. Given that it is likely the highest demand would be on a Sunday, the Community High parking lot might well be a useful option.

In terms of the plans for the site and the building, it seems as if they are in good hands. Redeemer Ann Arbor has also reached out both to its neighbors on Detroit Street and the Old Fourth Ward Neighborhood. I believe this bodes well for our neighborhood. I look forward to our new neighbors on Detroit Street.

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