

Chairman Friedson and members of the County Council,

My name is Jennifer Young, and I live at [REDACTED]. I am a member of Faith United Methodist Church (FUMC) located at 680 Montrose Road, where I serve on the Resources Committee. I am writing to support the passage of the Faith Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) that would make developing affordable housing on properties owned by faith organizations.

While I do not speak for the church as a whole, I am part of the FUMC leadership team that is exploring the idea of building affordable housing on Faith's property. We have completed a feasibility study performed by a Georgetown Masters in Real Estate candidate, which shows what you all know to be true – that there is a great demand in Montgomery County for affordable housing.

I feel that building housing that is 100% affordable aligns with the community service and social justice objectives of FUMC as well as the County. Removing the barriers that the current zoning laws present and incentivizing faith organizations to build such affordable housing on their property will make it easier for both of us to accomplish our goals.

Thank you for your time and consideration.