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To whom It May Concern,

I write on behalf of the Upton Planning Committee to share with you the community's recommendation regarding Bethel AME Church's acquisition of 505-509 W. Lafayette Avenue and 1301-1323 Etting Street.

Bethel was invited to present their plans for the lots to the Upton community on two separate occasions. On Tuesday, November 21, 2017 Bethel presented at the Historic Marble Hill Community Association meeting at the Druid Hill Y. There were 25 participants at the meeting and a survey was administered regarding Bethel's proposed plan for the lots. Bethel's plan was supported by 22 respondents.

On December 1, 2017 Bethel presented at the Upton Developer's Meeting at the Avenue Market. There were 19 meeting participants that responded to a survey administered regarding Bethel's proposed plan for the lots. Bethel's plan was supported by 16 respondents.

UPC affirms the community's viewpoint and submits this letter in support of Bethel AME Church's acquisition of 505-509 W. Lafayette Avenue and 1301-1323 Etting Street. We are looking forward to having a well maintained and manicured parking space in the community

Sincerely,

Wanda G. Best
Upton Planning Committee, Executive Director