

## Thompson, Alexis

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**From:** Tom Hoffman <tom.hoffman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 10:48 AM  
**To:** Thompson, Alexis  
**Subject:** 126 Adelaide Ave.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the application from Bluedog Capital Partners, LLC for zoning variances on 126 Adelaide Avenue.

My wife, Jennifer Geller, and I have owned and resided at 125 Adelaide Avenue, directly across the street from the former church, since April 2002. We both teach in the Providence Public Schools and our two daughters attend Reservoir Ave. Elementary and Roger Williams Middle School.

We watched with dismay as this historic property was abandoned and fell into disrepair. Over the years I have been nosy enough to speak to many people who came to look at the property with various ideas for developing it, including the Archbishop of the AME Church, but nobody has been able to figure out how to make it work.

I have not spoken to anyone at Bluedog Capital, but I approve of their plans and they seem to have the capital and expertise to preserve this historic structure and make it a productive part of the neighborhood.

In particular the density and style of the development is entirely consistent with the character of the area, and we have no concerns whatsoever about additional traffic or noise. Parking is not a problem at all in the immediate area.

Sincerely,  
Tom Hoffman  
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# State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
REPRESENTATIVE GRACE DIAZ, *District 11*

June 9, 2020

City of Providence  
Zoning Board of Review  
444 Westminster Street  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Review Board:

I am writing to ask that you consider requesting or requiring the 126 Adelaide Avenue Project to create affordable housing for low income families.

The property has been vacant for some time. The transformation of the church into an eighteen residential unit complex sounds like a great opportunity for our community but I am concerned about what they would need to charge for rent. This project has the potential to be both profitable and affordable at the same time, but it will require creative solutions and greater community engagement.

I strongly urge the board to consider the housing needs of families in Providence and be mindful of the housing shortage for low income families when making decisions regarding housing developments in our city.

Sincerely,

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