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Dear Neighbors,

We want to alert you that The First Baptist Church of Clarendon's "Views" project has apparently recently met its final requirements to move forward with demolition and construction of an apartment tower.

Today we have filed a lawsuit in Federal Court seeking a permanent injunction of this project.

This development is an appalling abuse of important affordable housing funds. It is also a clear violation of the First Amendment to the US Constitution and the Virginia Constitution.

At approximately \$666,000 of public money being spent per affordable unit for a total of more than \$46 Million, it is hard to imagine how this money could not be put to better use with many more units helping those who would benefit. The reason the price tag is so outrageous is simple; the funds subsidize the church.

While this has been a difficult decision, we believe it is important to stand up for what we believe is right. This will not be easy and it will be expensive. We are well aware that many in the neighborhood and throughout Arlington share our position and view this as a community effort.

We hope that you will support this lawsuit with a contribution to: "First Amendment Defense Fund", c/o Peter & Lisa Glassman, 1408 N. Hartford Street, Arlington, VA 22201. At the conclusion of all legal options, any unused funds will be returned pro-rata.

We thank you in advance for any support you can give. Please forward this to your contacts in Arlington.

Sincerely,

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