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To: Chair & Members of the Planning & Growth Management Committee

Re: Draft New Zoning By-law: Summary & Public Consultation Process

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As stated in the proposed zoning by-law, section titled: Places of Worship:

"All legally existing places of worship will retain their existing zoning permissions in the draft zoning by-law. In the draft zoning by-law, places of worship are not listed as permitted uses in Residential zones and Employment zones. For new places of worship to locate in these zones, a rezoning application will be required. New parking requirements based on worship space area are included in the draft new zoning by-law."

As a result of the approach being undertaken as a result of the City's recent Avenue Studies, I would ask that the Committee request the Chief Planner consider not listing places of worship as a permitted us in Commercial Residential zones.

Recommendation:

1. That the Chief Planner and the Executive Director – City Planning consider the appropriateness of not listing places of worship in Commercial Residential zones as permitted uses, as part of the draft new zoning by-law approval process, such that a rezoning application would be required.

Thank you for your consideration herein,

Regards.

Adrian Heaps

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c. Mr. Gary Wright – Chief Planner & Executive Director – City Planning Mr. Joe D'Abramo – Acting Director – City Planning