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Pinellas County board of County Commissioners
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Clearwater FL 33774

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Re: Zoning Case Number Z/LU-21-09-18

Dear Board of County Commissioners:

Clearwater Community Church has been a fixture in the north-central part of Pinellas County since 1969. We have been at our current location on Belcher Road since 1994 and have strived to serve this community in faith and deeds. CCC acquired the second parcel to the south of our original property in 2001 and have had the desire to join the two properties into a single parcel to continue in our ministry and serve our community.

CCC is requesting the zoning change to unify the now combined properties under the single zoning of Institutional (I) and land use category of Institutional Limited (IL). It is our understanding that I/IL is set aside for churches and the type of activities, functions and facilities consistent with our mission.

It is our intent to remain at this location and comply with the county's zoning and land use designations to further Pinellas County's intent of granting the original zoning for CCC's initial parcel when the now combined properties have been unified under the same zoning and land use. We believe this is best for the community and our surrounding neighbors as well as for those served by the church and our members. It also gives the county and neighbors confidence in how the property might be used in the future.

While we do not have immediate plans or thoughts for major changes on the property, there is an existing structure very near the sidewalk on Belcher Road that we do intend to remove when funds become available. This structure is original to the property, is very near the street and not in keeping with the surrounding properties maintained by our neighbors. Beyond this change we have yet to develop a vision for how to use the south half of the property but feel unifying the zoning and land use helps to establish a framework for CCC under the county criteria.

CCC recognizes we are just stewards of what God has provided in His grace. It is our belief that unifying the property under a common zoning and land use makes sense on multiple levels and is the responsible step as stewards.

Respectfully submitted,

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