



September 5, 2016

The Honorable Danny Solis
25th Ward Alderman
1800 S. Blue Island Ave.
Chicago, IL 60608

Re: Proposed Expansion of Soul City Church (1150 W. Adams)

Dear Alderman Solis,

On June 13, Jarrett Stevens of Soul City Church presented the church's plans for expansion of their existing facility at 1150 W. Adams. The new space would include a 1,000-seat auditorium, a green space in the front of the facility, and several other rooms for various church purposes. Fourteen new parking spaces are also planned.

Soul City Church was seeking a zoning change from DS-3 to DR-5 to be consistent with the current use of the site and its expansion. This zoning change has been approved and work has been underway for a couple of months.

The project was well-received by both the NOWL Development Committee. As a result, we are adding our support to this project. However, we would like the church to complete a Type 1 Application for the project to eliminate the possibility of future changes to the design without community input. Mr. Stevens agreed to this step during our meeting in June.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Matthew Letourneau
Chairperson, Development Committee
NEIGHBORS OF WEST LOOP

cc: Jeanne Stevens, Soul City Church (jeannestevens@soulcitychurch.com)
Bob Aiken & Larry Gage, Neighbors of West Loop