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February 14, 2018

Mayor Theresa Jacobs Orange County Board of County Commissioners 201 S. Rosalind Ave. Orlando, FL 32801

CC: Orange County District 1 Commissioner Betsy VanderLey, Orange County District 2 Commissioner Bryan Nelson, Orange County District 3 Commissioner Pete Clarke, Orange County District 4 Commissioner Jennifer Thompson, Orange County District 5 Commissioner Emily Bonilla, Orange County District 6 Commissioner Victoria Siplin

Re- Appeal of Public Hearing # SE-17-12-134

Dear Mayor Jacobs and Members of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners,

I am writing to urge your full and fair consideration for a project that was recently presented before the Orange County Board of Zoning Adjustment ("<u>BZA</u>") on February 1, 2018 (the "<u>Hearing</u>"). A request for a special exception and variance (together, the "<u>Request</u>") for a proposed House of Faith on 1311 Hancock Lone Palm Road, Orlando FL 32828 (the "<u>Project</u>") was made at the Hearing and denied by the BZA. The applicant behind such Request has filed an appeal to your Board for approval of their Project, and I hope you will consider voting in favor of the same.

The applicant's team is comprised of well-respected members of our community who have volunteered their time and money to develop the Project for the community at large. These doctors, professors, lawyers, and other professionals have expressed their desire to develop the Project to provide opportunities for worship and activities. The Project is intended to include activities for their local faith based community such as: (1) weekly girls and boys youth group sessions; (2) SAT tutoring programs; (3) Monday evening educational gatherings over dinner; (4) Saturday evening family bonding and pizza night; (5) Sunday community building workshops; and (6) social services for families.

I fully support granting the Request and hope that you will as well.

Sincerely,

Darren Soto

Member of Congress

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Name: Abdelrahman

Title: vice PRES, The Zelni Law Firm

The Zeini Law Firm 422 S Alafaya Tr # 17 Orlando, FL 32828 (407) 381-2505

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