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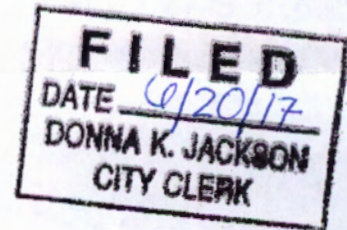
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Jonesboro City Council
c/o the City Clerk
300 S. Church St.
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RE: RZ-17-09

To the members of the Jonesboro City Council:

Please allow this to serve as First Baptist Church's request for an appeal of the MAPC decision rendered on May 23, 2017 on this rezoning application. I am enclosing a copy of the application and staff report for your reference.

At the MAPC meeting on May 23, 2017, two members of the MAPC were absent. The matter proceeded to vote, with a vote of 4 in favor of the rezoning and 2 against. The chair did not vote. Because of the by-laws of the MAPC, the matter failed to pass because it did not receive 5 affirmative votes even though it passed by a majority of the commissioners in attendance.

The application submitted is for C-4 LUO, with several restrictions for uses that might operate after hours, which was a primary concern of the neighbors who objected. The area is in a designated high-density growth area, and most of the nearby land on Alexander drive is already zoned commercial.

Please set this matter for an appeal hearing on the Council's earliest available docket. Thank you and best regards.

Very truly yours,

James F. Gramling, Jr.

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