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Township of Lower Merion Planning Commission

April 20, 2026

To whom it may concern,

I write to you in my capacity as the President of the Neighborhood Club of Bala Cynwyd, one of the oldest civic associations in Pennsylvania. We are 350 members strong. The most important part of our mission is to advocate for our community on matters of public concern.

I am writing to you regarding the proposed Amendment of Ordinance addressing Place of Assembly and Permitting Religious as a Regulated Use in the CAD-BV District ("Amended Ordinance").

The Neighborhood Club of Bala Cynwyd had its first opportunity to discuss this Amended Ordinance at a monthly meeting on April 15, 2026. Notice to the membership of this Amended Ordinance generated more emails and members in attendance than any other issue since I joined the Board (other than the Roundabout proposed for Presidential). The revitalization of Bala Village, following the construction of the new apartment building and the resolution of the Theater's future, is central to this community's concerns and it is our mission to fully consider any zoning action that could have a negative (or positive) impact on the revitalization of this corridor. Members of the community in fact raised issues at the April 15 meeting that neither the Township nor the Commissioners had considered.

During the April 15th meeting, it became clear that (1) the NCBC, its members and the wider community have not had time to consider the proposed Amended Ordinance or the potential consequences; and (2) the community has much to contribute to this conversation.

Therefore, the NCBC respectfully requests that the Planning Commission remove this issue from the May calendar and provide additional time for consideration and potential revisions to the Amended Ordinance.

Best,

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cc: Members of the Board of the NCBC, Commissioners Gilda Kramer, Jeremiah Woodring and Lou Rossman