

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON
1600 E. BERKS STREET
APPLICATION**



1600 E Berks

From John Walsh <johnnywalsh15@gmail.com>

Date Tue 4/22/2025 1:45 PM

To preservation <preservation@Phila.gov>

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Hi,

Your commission is a plague on our city. However unlikely and far away it is, I cannot wait to experience the day that your two-bit HOA gathering is abolished. I'll have a barbecue out front of the MSB to celebrate.

Worst,
John Walsh

<https://x.com/dmtrubman/status/1914705199853085039?s=46>



1600 E. Berks property

From Joe Beck <joseph.a.beck@gmail.com>
Date Tue 4/22/2025 9:46 AM
To preservation <preservation@Phila.gov>

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Hello -

As a resident of this block for the last 17 years, I wanted to express my support for the building of 8 homes on this property.

This plan is in line with the existing use and zoning for the block and the surrounding blocks. It seems like a consistent, reliable and viable project.

- Joe Beck
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Support for 1600 E Berks Project

From Casey Ann Beck <caseyannbeck@gmail.com>

Date Tue 4/22/2025 10:11 AM

To preservation <preservation@Phila.gov>

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Hello!

I hope this message finds you well. I'm writing as a resident of the 1600 East Berks block in Fishtown to express my strong support for the approved project to build homes on the site of the former St. Laurentius Church.

This project reflects a responsible approach to development that respects both the history of the site and the character of the neighborhood. The approved plan for homes strikes a balance between thoughtful development and maintaining the livability of our neighborhood, and fosters a sense of continuity and community—qualities that are deeply valued by residents here.

I appreciate your time and consideration!

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St. Laurentius Site

From Susan Fox <barnith@gmail.com>

Date Tue 4/22/2025 11:22 AM

To preservation <preservation@Phila.gov>

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Hello Historical Commision,

I am a neighbor on the 1600 block of E. Berks St. and have lived here for 16 years. I have an 11 year old in the local school and I am committed to the community and Philadelphia. I am writing to voice my support for the current plan of 8 homes being built on the former St. Laurentius lot. When I first moved to the block St. Laurentius was an active church. Since that time period, many changes have occurred starting over 11 years ago, the church has been closed, then neglected, deemed unsafe, demoed, and now a neglected lot. I appreciated the initial attempts to save the structure but as time passed the building became less and less safe. I was outside when a giant boulder crashed to the ground years before the demo began, the building was in disrepair. My neighbors and I agree that the time has come to move on after 11 years of a blighted corner, nothing is left and the block is tired and ready to move forward with the plan to construct the 8 homes.

Thank you,
Susan Fox



1600 Berks Street

From Jenna Schlesinger <jschlesinger@grflp.com>

Date Tue 4/22/2025 8:16 AM

To preservation <preservation@Phila.gov>

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Hello! I am a neighbor who lives across the street from 1600 Berks Street. I saw the new plans to build 8 townhouses with parking. I fully support this project moving forward with the current plans. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

Best,

Jenna Schlesinger

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