



Date: July 1, 2011  
To: Urban Design Commission  
Alder Jill Johnson, 16<sup>th</sup> District  
From: East Buckeye Neighborhood Association Board  
RE: Abundant Life/Campus for Kids/City Church Signage, 4901-4909 East Buckeye

We have had a chance to review and look into Abundant Life Christian School/Campus for Kids/City Church's application for new signage and its potential impacts to our neighborhood.

Our understanding of the situation is that ALCS/City Church (formerly Lake City Church) has lost the permit for its current signs because they have been there since the 1970's and that, with changes to the city's sign ordinance, they are being asked to resubmit an application for the three new signs they would like to install.

We have spoken with the sign company's representative specifically about illumination, which was our main concern with this project. He has explained that the lighting will be external and will only be the existing spotlights which point at the church sign. No new spotlights will be added and they will continue to be pointed at the new sign.

Our opinion of the signs' designs is that, in their totality, they are an improvement over their current signage which has long become dated. The new signs will be modernized, and all three signs will tie together.

We understand that the church's existing monument-style sign is slightly larger than the city's new ordinance would normally allow. ALCS/City Church would like to replace just the sign itself and leave the brick-and-mortar support pillars.

We would like to ask the UDC to grant an exemption, allowing them to keep their existing monument pillars for these reasons:

- They do not appear to be too large compared to the entire campus they sit on
- They are in good shape, no buckling or crumbling
- We do not want the brick pillars removed and replaced with something less expensive/less attractive
- The property owners keep this sign area nicely landscaped and lit, and the entire grounds well maintained year-round

This group is a good neighbor and a large employer. The only issue we've had there in a decade was taken care of right away.

Thank you for including our neighborhood association in the process, and for your consideration of our board's views.