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Michael Lutzky/ The Washington Post - The Brutalist Third Church of Christ, Scientist on 16th Street NW in Washington.

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The developers planning to demolish the controversial 16th Street concrete Third Church of Christ, Scientist are bringing in a heavyweight architect to design a future office building and church for the property.

Robert A.M. Stern Architects of New York has been named by developers ICG Properties and the JBG Cos. to design a 160,000-square-foot office building and a new place of worship for the Third Church of Christ, Scientist to replace the current building, an example of the Brutalist architecture movement of the 1960s.

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Stern, the firm's founder and namesake, is considered one of the world's top architects and is dean of the Yale School of Architecture. His firm has designed corporate headquarters for the Gap in San Francisco and for Comcast (the tallest building in Philadelphia) as well as landmark residential towers in New York including the 201-unit Fifteen Central Park West, which has totaled nearly \$2.5 billion in condominium sales.

Locally, Stern has done master planning for Georgetown University and designed buildings for the business schools at the University of Virginia and the College of William and Mary. As part of an ongoing relationship with developer Hines, the firm designed the office building at 600 13th St. NW.

"You could not have chosen a better location or site," said Graham Wyatt, a Stern partner,

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