

Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street
Washington, DC 20001

March 31, 2014

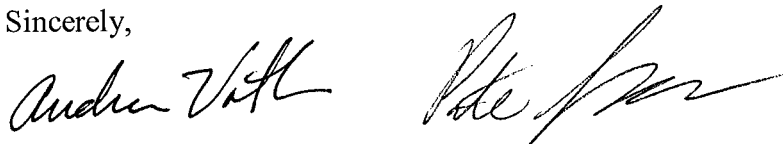
To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing as more than 5 year residents of ANC 1C to express our support for Jubilee Housing's Reentry Housing Initiative, and urge you to grant a special exception permitting the two housing facilities at 2720 Ontario Road and 2448 18th Street to become Adult Rehabilitation Homes (BZA Case Nos. 18746 and 18747). As community members we often walk by these two facilities and our daughter attends day care just across the street from 2720 Ontario Road, and we believe that these supportive housing programs for men and women returning to the community from incarceration fill a vital community need.

We would not be writing to express our support for this request if it were not for both the track record of Jubilee Housing in our community and the care with which they have designed their reentry program. For us, the most important factors that contribute to our enthusiasm for this program are Jubilee's mission and 40 year history of successfully providing affordable housing and supportive services in our neighborhood; the care with which they have renovated the two residences in question; their partnership with the District of Columbia Department of Housing and Economic Development, Department of Health, and the Justice Grants Administration; the rigorous selection process for residents; and the program's design with wide ranging support services and requirements for resident accountability.

Finding affordable housing in a city that has lost half of its affordable rental housing since 2000 is a daunting challenge, and the inability to find suitable housing contributes to a distressingly common cycle of incarceration, homelessness, and living in shelters among those reentering society. Given the challenges facing the more than 5,000 DC residents who are released from jail or prison annually, we feel it is a moral, social, and economic imperative that our communities develop ways to support these men and women. We believe Jubilee's Reentry Housing Initiative is a positive and necessary response to this crisis and urge you to approve the application.

Sincerely,

The block contains two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature, on the left, is 'Andrea Voth' and the second, on the right, is 'Peter Sprunger'. Both are written in a cursive, flowing style.

Andrea Voth and Peter Sprunger
1650 Harvard Street NW #305
Washington, DC 20009

March 31, 2014

Re: BZA Case Numbers: 18746 and 18747

Dear Board of Zoning Appeals,

I am a resident of Ward 1 and of Jubilee Housing at 1740 Euclid Street NW. I also live in ANC 1C. I am writing to show support for the Jubilee Reentry Initiative so that individuals who are returning can educate themselves and receive job training along with housing. Being a resident of this community, I support the program and think it would be very helpful to change the zoning laws so that men and women coming home can change their lives around.

Reentry programs have proven to be successful in other wards so we can use that in Ward 1. We have a lot of people in Ward 1 that are coming home from prison. A reentry program that serves both men and women is good and we, as the community of this neighborhood, need to support this to help them battle their addictions and struggles after their incarceration, including their reentry into the community. The only thing stopping this is the zoning law. This law needs to be changed so that they can find their rightful place in their community without being judged and charged for their priors and have a chance to be a prosperous member of this community. They have done their time and I think this program will help them readjust and afford them the opportunity to live a normal life and put their past behind them.

These people need somewhere, a place where they can start their lives over. This community has its flaws, but this will be good for the community. Not everyone is for it, but not everyone is against it. Jubilee is just trying to give them the opportunity to better their lives. If they better their lives, they better the community as a whole. Everyone deserves a chance and this program could be a last chance for some people. I think this program is hope. Everyone sees a different perspective of life, and the perspective of these individuals is that they need help. They have been excluded from society for so many years and they need as much information so that they can live in this community. This program can do that and bring them up to speed and raise their living standards with the job program and education it offers. This program is a worthy cause for the community.

Sincerely,

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Ronnie Middleton
Resident at 1740 Euclid Street NW, #508
Jubilee Housing Board Member
202-706-1733

March 31, 2014

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441 4th Street NW

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Re: BZA Case Numbers 18746 and 18747

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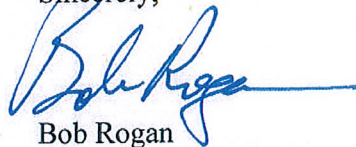
I write to express my unqualified support for the application of Jubilee Housing to become Adult Rehabilitation Homes, which will allow them to serve an expanded population at two of its properties located in my neighborhood. One property is located just steps from my apartment building (The Ontario).

As you know, these facilities provide housing and other supportive services for women and men transitioning from incarceration to the community. I believe it is essential for the success of these individuals and for the public good that they receive strong support in the greater DC community.

Jubilee Housing has a good track record in our neighborhood of providing affordable housing and supportive services to their clients. By all appearances, they manage their properties professionally and pay close attention to the needs of the neighborhood as well as their clients. They have a balanced approach to their mission that includes an array of supportive services and a strong emphasis on accountability. And, in the case of the property on Ontario Road close to my residence, Jubilee undertook a much needed renovation to the building that complements the neighborhood.

I have lived in my home for over seven years and have never encountered any issues with Jubilee management or the population they serve. I see no problem in granting their request for a small number of additional residents at these two properties and strongly urge you to approve their application.

Sincerely,


Bob Rogan

2853 Ontario Road NW

Apartment 610

Washington, DC 20009



1826 Irving St NW
Washington, DC 20010
March 31, 2014

Dear Board of Zoning Appeals,

RE: BZA Cases No: 18746 and 18747

I am writing to ask for your support to permit a use change from boarding house to adult rehabilitation facility for two Jubilee Housing properties so they can serve men and women returning from incarceration. The properties are located at 2720 Ontario St NW and 2448 18th St NW.

The arguments for accepting returning citizens into our neighborhood have been made by others, including city staff, and I will not repeat them here. Instead, I'd like to express my confidence in Jubilee Housing to do this work and to ask you to help them get on with it.

I have been a supporter of Jubilee Housing since I moved my biotech business to Mount Pleasant five years ago and began working, eating, and shopping in Adams Morgan. The Jubilee Housing buildings are responsibly developed and beautifully maintained. The Jubilee Housing culture is based on the inherent value of all people, and it shows.

My morning commute takes me, on foot, through the Hobart Street alley, up the Hill on 18th St, and over to Tryst, where I work until noon. I pass both properties twice a day. There are no cleaner or quieter houses on either block.

The occupancy of these houses is a fraction of what it should be. There is strong support across the city and especially in our neighborhood for programs that reduce recidivism. These beds should be full.

I know of no other group as capable of making this work as Jubilee Housing. A No to Jubilee Housing would be a No to the idea of accepting returning citizens.

Please vote Yes.

Yours truly,

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Jane C. Diefenbach

March 31, 2014

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441 4th Street NW
Washington, DC 20001

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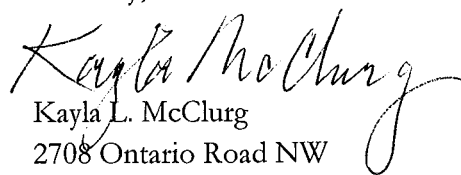
I have lived at 2708 Ontario Road NW for the past 17 years and am writing to express my unqualified support for Jubilee Housing to be approved to use two residences in Adams Morgan as Adult Rehabilitation Homes. I am a neighbor of one of the houses, located at 2720 Ontario Road, and can attest to the fact that having Jubilee Housing manage this residence has done nothing but enhance the neighborhood.

The house on Ontario Road provides housing for women transitioning from incarceration into the community. The programs of Jubilee Housing allow the women to participate in a range of supportive services which set a high standard for positive community involvement. Would that all our neighbors had such motivation and support! The entire neighborhood benefits from the presence of this hospitable program of accountability and support.

For more than 30 years Jubilee Housing has been providing affordable housing and supportive services to the Adams Morgan area, thus helping to maintain a diverse and thriving community that is recognized throughout the District of Columbia. Their properties are well cared for and they strive to build mutual respect for the needs of residents both within Jubilee Housing and in the neighborhood.

To give more returning residents the opportunity to regain stability and forward movement in their lives will do nothing but enhance the quality of living for all District residents. I am proud to have such supportive housing in my neighborhood. I strongly urge you to approve their application.

Sincerely,


Kayla L. McClurg
2708 Ontario Road NW
Washington, DC 20009

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Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street
Washington, DC 20001

March 20, 2014

Ref: BZA CASE # : 18746
18747

Dear Board of Zoning:

I write to express support for Jubilee Housing's Reentry Housing Initiative, a supportive housing program for men and women returning to the community from incarceration.

There are several reasons why I support Jubilee's request for a special exception that would expand the number of returning citizens who are eligible for its program.

1. Jubilee has a strong track record of 40 years of providing affordable housing and supportive services for Washingtonians. Jubilee takes its mission seriously, and I expect them to manage this program effectively.
2. The properties are beautifully renovated and turn once dilapidated eye-sores into valuable assets for the neighborhood. The property on 18th Street will provide financial services to the neighborhood and brings much needed daytime foot traffic to the corridor.
3. Jubilee's Reentry Housing Initiative has been designed with this specific population in mind. The rules and regulations of the program are well conceived, with a strong balance of support and accountability.
4. Jubilee and its sister non-profits in the Adams Morgan neighborhood provide the supports needed to help people thrive: including access to job placement, health care, spiritual support and more.
5. Jubilee has partnered with multiple DC agencies to provide this important program. They are deeply incentivized and well supported to succeed.
6. Each of the proposed houses will house only 10 individuals. We believe this small scale housing program is of appropriate size for our neighborhood and can be managed successfully by Jubilee Housing.

At a time when more than 3 million Americans are incarcerated, and upwards of 5,000 residents return to the streets of the District annually, it is critical that communities develop ways to support men and women who are being released from jail or prison.

We believe Jubilee's Reentry Housing Initiative is a positive response to this crisis and urge you to approve the application.

Sincerely,

Terry Flood, Executive Director, Jubilee Jobs



1220 12th Street, S.E., Suite 120 • Washington, DC 20003

Unity Health Care, Inc.

Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street
Washington, DC 20001

March 4, 2014

Ref: BZA Case Nos: 18746 and 18747

Dear BZA Board Members,

I write to express support for Jubilee Housing's application for special exception related to its Reentry Housing Initiative. The Reentry Task Force is a group of organizations that work together to support citizens returning to the community from incarceration. As a health care provider in the community and in the DC correctional facilities, Unity Health Care, Inc. (Unity) is a proud member of the Reentry Task Force. We work to provide health care that meets the needs of this vulnerable population and we realize that health care alone is not enough to support them. The services that our partner agencies provide, such as housing provided by Jubilee Housing, are integral to a successful reentry experience.

We are familiar with Jubilee's efforts and wishes to indicate support for the program.

The properties are among the very few in all the District that are designed for the returning citizen population and we agree that widening the pool of eligible residents is in the best interest of the city.

There are several reasons why we believe Jubilee's request for a special exception is appropriate:

1. Jubilee has a strong track record of 40 years of providing affordable housing and supportive services for low-income Washingtonians.
2. The properties are beautifully renovated and turn once dilapidated eye-sores into valuable assets for the neighborhood. The properties have been renovated specifically for this population and are among the best housing options in the entire city for citizens that are returning from incarceration.
3. We believe the small scale of this housing program is of appropriate size for the neighborhood and can be managed successfully by Jubilee Housing.
4. Jubilee has partnered with multiple DC agencies to provide this important program. The city's investment needs to be protected.

At a time when more than 3 million Americans are incarcerated, and upwards of 9,000 residents return to the streets of the District annually, it is critical that communities develop ways to support men and women who are being released from jail or prison.

We believe Jubilee's Reentry Housing Initiative is a positive response to this crisis and urge you to approve the application.

Sincerely,

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Vincent A. Keane

President & CEO

Unity Health Care, Inc.



Joseph's house
WELCOME. HOME.

March 19, 2014

Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street
Washington, DC 20001

Ref: BZA Case #18747

Dear Board Members,

Joseph's House strongly supports Jubilee Housing's Reentry Housing Initiative, a supportive housing program for men and women returning to the community from incarceration.

Joseph's House has been in Lanier Heights for almost 25 years as a home welcoming formerly homeless men and women with HIV and cancer at the end of their lives. We have, in turn, been warmly welcomed by this neighborhood and community, which has embraced us and our mission.

We are so supportive of this crucial initiative because we know from our own work these past years that one of the greatest challenges facing those returning to the community after a period of incarceration is finding safe, stable housing and a supportive community. This is especially true for individuals living with HIV, which is why we are so grateful that this program specifically includes these individuals. Too often, we have welcomed people with HIV at the very end of their lives who might well have had a chance at a longer and healthier life had they had access to this type of caring community when they left jail and sought to reenter the community. In a city so devastated by HIV and so committed to helping those living with HIV get on treatment for their own health and as a proven strategy to reduce new HIV infections, this is exactly the type of program we need to have in neighborhoods across the District.

One of the great advantages of the Jubilee residences for all of those who live there is their proximity to other needed social services and support. This neighborhood is rich with caring non-profits that can help these individuals get jobs, stay clean and sober, and access health and mental health services. These residences are a part of the Adams Morgan neighborhood's rich traditions of diversity and supporting those seeking to improve their lives.

We can imagine no agency more qualified to manage these residences than Jubilee Housing. Jubilee has a strong, 40-year track record of providing affordable housing and supportive services in this neighborhood. They are deeply committed to their mission and have proven their ability to manage programs effectively. Already, this project has converted dilapidated eye-sores into valuable neighborhood assets. Now, it is time for Jubilee to get on with the even more important work of supporting men and women who are seeking to change their lives.

We urge all parties to stand with Jubilee Housing and the men and women they serve by supporting the zoning adjustments necessary for this project to succeed.

Sincerely,

Patricia Wudel
Executive Director

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The Reentry Task Force

Washington, DC

March 3, 2014

Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

RE: BZA Case Nos. 18746 and 18747

Members of the Board:

We write to express support for Jubilee Housing's application for special exception related to its Reentry Housing Initiative. The DC Reentry Task Force serves as an advocate for returning citizens as they reenter society. We are animated by a belief that improving the reentry process is critical both to these returning citizens and to the health of the wider community. By promoting an awareness of the needs of returning citizens i.e., housing and the problems they encounter as they reenter society, we encourage the community to support policies and actions to address these problems.

We the DC Reentry Task Force are familiar with Jubilee's efforts and wishes to indicate its support for the program. The properties are among the very few in all the District that are designed for the returning citizen population and we agree that widening the pool of eligible residents is in the interest of the city.

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Members of the Board

March 3, 2014

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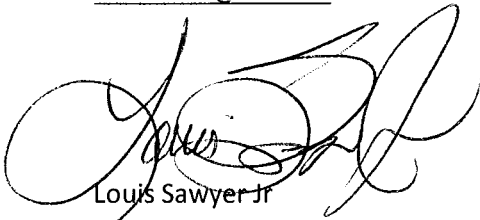
Respectfully,



Louise White

Co-Chairperson

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Louis Sawyer Jr

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Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street
Washington, DC 20001

April 14th, 2014

Ref: BZA Case Nos. 18746 and 18747

Dear Zoning Officer,

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♦ *Please remember Christ House in your will* ♦

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Sincerely,

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Allen Goetcheus
President and CEO
Christ House
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Washington, DC 20009