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Re: Application No.19288 – 4206 6th Street SE (Square 6207, Lot 56-56)
Prehearing Statement of the Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner/Single
Member District Theresa Howe Jones

I am Commissioner Theresa Howe Jones, representing Single Member District, 8D07. I am here today opposing Application No 19288 – 4206 6th Street, S.E. Washington D.C. 20032. I have spoken to my constituents, in public meetings, by telephone, and face to face conversations and the overwhelming results have been that they are opposed to the location and the proposed structure. If the District of Columbia has a progress goal “of making homelessness rare, brief non-recurring experience” it should include a measure of humanitarian conduct and transparency to the City’s residents who are affected. We, for the most part not lawyers, but the citizens are opposed by lawyers who are paid to allow developers to become richer and the fragile homeless population is not served as humans.

The following are some of the reasons we object to this application:

1. Timely notice to the ANC
2. Timely notice to the surrounding community residents
3. Application provides no evidence that this task has been done
4. Height not compatible with other structures in the surrounding neighborhood
5. The structure does not have the requirements that match needs of the fragile population it proposes to house
6. Statements telling the community that property will be more valuable
7. It is a known fact that an institution placed in residential neighborhoods will reduce the property value.
8. Inadequate space for food services, and supervision of medicine storage

9. The failed policies of government have created the City's crisis because they have provided an inadequate amount of funding for space and staffing for shelters to succeed.

The failed policies of the government are the reason for the homeless crisis. We all suffer and this application asking for this variance is only asking to break the law not to serve our fragile homeless population. The presentation of this application was done without the line item budget, therefore, adequate information was not been supplied to the ANC 8D Commission or to the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

Thank you for allowing me to speak.