

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES



May 3, 2016

Cliff Moy, Secretary
Board of Zoning Adjustment
Office of Zoning
441 4th Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Applications to the Board of Zoning Adjustment
Mayor's Short Term Family Housing Initiative

Dear Board Members,

The Department of General Services, on behalf of the Department of Human Services, is implementing the Mayor's "A Plan to Close DC General: Short Term Family Housing in All 8 Wards" Initiative. The District's plan to end homelessness involves making significant improvements to the current homeless crisis response system for families. This includes the closure and replacement of DC General, the city's largest family homeless shelter. In order to do so, the Mayor has advanced an all 8 Ward Strategy to create short-term family housing. The facilities will be small, modern, safe, and dignified, with the services and support that help families get back on their feet. Each site will be developed with a building that will be compatible with the surrounding context, provide short-term housing for up to 50 District families, and offer adequate on-site parking for the facility's employees and visitors.

Replacing DC General with Short-Term Family Housing

As part of the District of Columbia's plan to end homelessness, the Bowser administration will close DC General Hospital- a former public medical care facility that has served as the District's largest family shelter for seven years. DC General is too big, too old and geographically removed from the services that individuals experiencing homelessness need to exit shelter and get back on their feet. The District will replace DC General by developing several short-term family housing facilities across the city. Each facility in these short-term family housing programs will include on-site wraparound services in permanent housing programs, housing search assistance, social work staff, early childhood screenings and school liaisons; education, training and employment services, health care, age appropriate recreation, essential location for meals, and financial and budget management services.

Below is a list of the locations for the short-term family housing. The sites in wards 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 are being submitted to BZA for Zoning relief.

Ward	Site	Zoning	Proposed Use	Relief Sought	Sections of Title 11 DCMR
1	2105 10 th St NW	C-2-B/Arts		BZA Order, 5/20/2014, on App #18723	
2	810 5 th St NW			N.A. – Project complete	
3	2619 Wisconsin Ave NW	R1B	Emergency Shelter	Special Exception	220.1
4	5505 Fifth St NW	C2A	Emergency Shelter	Special Exception Area Variances	732.1 770.1, 771.2, 2001.3
5	2266 25 th PI NE	CM2	Emergency Shelter	Special Exception Area Variance*	802.28 802.28(c)
6	700 Delaware Av SW	R4		N.A. – PUD – To be submitted by 4/29	
7	5004 D St SE	R5A	Emergency Shelter	Special Exception Area Variances	360.1 400.1, 402.4, 403.2
8	4200 block 6 th St SE	R5A	Emergency Shelter	Special Exception Area Variances	360.1 400.1, 2101.1, 2116.4, 2201.1,

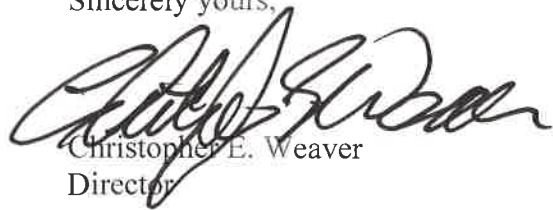
The Wards 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 sites are being submitted for the Proposed Use of Emergency Shelter, which we believe is the appropriate Use designation for the program of these facilities.

Representatives from each team; to include their respective architects have prepared the required drawings and supporting documents for your review. On behalf of the Department of Human Services we respectfully submit the following items in support of its request for BZA review and approval:

1. one original and 20 copies of BZA application
2. one original and 20 copies of supporting documents with exhibits; and
3. one original and 20 copies of photos and maps.

Thank you for your considerate attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely yours,



Christopher E. Weaver
Director

Cc: Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners ("ANC") 3C, 4D, 5C, 7E, 8D
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