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To: Members of the Board of Zoning Adjustment

RE: BZA case #19450, 3320-Letter of support for Ward 3 Temporary housing for Families

My husband, Lee, and I are very much in favor of the transitional housing project in Ward 3. While we understand that those living within a block or so are impacted the most and it's too bad there isn't a way to spread it around to all residents in Ward 3. At the same time it is our duty to try to help our community and we look forward to volunteering and having the residents become part of our neighborhood for the time they are living in this facility.

If there was a larger budget it would be nice to make the building more attractive looking but for those people who believe it doesn't fit into the area are forgetting they live in the city. This is right next to a police station, a grocery store, and shops/restaurants. This isn't a pristine country and/or suburban neighborhood where the scale is completely out of place.

As for the concerns of children being near police, fumes from cars, etc. I would imagine if I had a choice between living on the streets or DC general I'd be fine with this location. After all the people living right there on Idaho are exposed to those things and don't seem to complain for their children.

We applaud the Mayor for spreading the Transitional housing units throughout the city. It is imperative that we all shoulder some of the burden of helping those in need. The plan to bring the housing facility to Cleveland Park is a wonderful idea. Ward 3 will be a community that is richer due to its diversity.

Thank you for your consideration.

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