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**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2017 11:41 AM  
**To:** DCOZ - BZA Submissions (DCOZ)  
**Subject:** Ward 3, Case 19450, In support of short term family housing at 3320 Idaho Avenue, NW

Mr. Frederick Hill, Chairperson  
Board of Zoning Adjustment  
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Dear Chairperson Hill,

Annunciation Catholic Church is located in Ward 3 in close proximity to 3320 Idaho Avenue, NW. Many of our members are residents of Ward 3. I am writing this letter in full support of the proposed short term family housing at 3320 Idaho Avenue, NW. Without the proposed family housing in Ward 3, the District of Columbia will not be able to meet its goal of 240 replacement units citywide, so that D.C. General can finally be closed. Closing D.C. General, a long-term goal of the District of Columbia, is widely supported as a great unmet need in the city.

Homelessness is a serious problem in the District of Columbia. I applaud the government's efforts to construct short term housing for families who are homeless and to place this family housing in all Wards. The Ward 3 shelter is designed to accommodate 50 family units in a six-story building. Though concerns have been expressed about the height of the building, I do not believe the design of this facility is incompatible with the neighborhood, nor will its operation adversely affect the surrounding community.

I urge you to grant the three variances needed to construct this facility at 3320 Idaho Avenue, NW: 1) more than one primary structure on the lot; 2) the number of stories and building height and 3) the requirement for a loading dock. The public good is served by approving this building.

Sincerely,  
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