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From: Amanda Leiter <aleiter@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2017 5:58 PM
To: DCOZ - BZA Submissions (DCOZ)
Subject: Ward 3; Case 19450; In Support of housing at 3320 Idaho Avenue.

Frederick Hill, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th St NW, Suite 210S
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Chairperson Hill:

I live at 3020 Rodman St. NW, in Ward 3. I am writing in support of the proposed short term family housing at 3320 Idaho Avenue, NW. Without the proposed family housing in Ward 3, the District will not be able to meet its goal of developing 240 replacement units citywide, so that D.C. General can finally be closed -- a long term and vitally important District goal. Homelessness is a serious problem in the District. I applaud the government's effort to construct short term housing for families who are homeless, and to place this family housing in all Wards, and in neighborhoods where residents can help to support the needs of the homeless families.

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, which I believe will pull together to support these families in need.

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

Sincerely,
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