

February 16, 2017

By email: bzsubmissions@dc.gov

Re: Ward 3, Case 19450, In Support of Short Term Family Housing at 3320 Idaho Ave., NW

Frederick Hill, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441-4th St., NW, Suite 2105
Washington, DC 20001

Sir:

I live at 2738 Ordway Street, NW, in Ward 3. I am writing this letter to support the proposed short term family housing at 3320 Idaho Ave., NW. Without this housing in Ward 3, the District will not be able to meet its goal of 240 replacement units for families now housed at DC General.

For many reasons, including the price of housing in the DC area, homelessness is a serious problem in Washington. I support the District's effort to build short term housing for homeless families and to place this housing in all wards. Everyone must do a share here to improve the situation. The Ward 3 shelter is designed to accommodate 50 units in a 6-story building. Although that height may not be ideal, I do not believe the design is incompatible with the neighborhood, nor will its operation adversely affect the surrounding community, which is already fairly densely settled.

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District of Columbia
CASE NO.19450
EXHIBIT NO.115

I urge you to grant the variances needed to build this facility: more than 1 primary structure on the lot; the number of stories and building height; and waiving the loading dock requirement. The Board's approval will advance the public good and the public interest, and it will help some very needy families.

Sincerely,



Sylvia Royce