

February 17, 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

Dear Chairman Hill:

We live at 3620 Kanawha St NW in Ward 3 and have been Ward 3 residents for over 39 years. We write to support the proposed short term family housing at 3320 Idaho Ave., NW. It is vitally important that the District close DC General, which is a disgrace to the city and all of its residents, and replace it with smaller, decent housing. This facility in Ward 3 is required to meet the goal of closing DC General and providing 240 replacement units for families now housed there.

Homelessness is a serious problem in DC. We applaud the District's plan to build short term housing for homeless families and to locate this housing throughout all wards. The Ward 3 shelter is designed to accommodate 50 units in a 6-story building. Though concerns have been expressed about the building's height and other features, we believe the design is compatible with the neighborhood and do not believe that its operation will adversely affect the surrounding community. To the extent that construction may inconvenience nearby residents, that temporary situation is more than outweighed by the benefits the facility will bring to the city and to all who will be housed there.

We urge you to grant the variances needed to build this facility that would allow more than 1 primary structure on the lot, the number of stories, building height, as designed, and waiving the loading dock requirement. The Board's approval will advance the public good and the public interest.

Sincerely,



Laura Kumin



Kevin Mulshine