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To: DCOZ - BZA Submissions (DCOZ)
Subject: Ward 3, Case 19450

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

Dear Chairman Hill:

I live at 3042 Newark Street, NW in Ward 3. I am writing to support the proposed short term family housing at 3320 Idaho Ave., NW. Homelessness is a serious problem in DC, and brings shame to the City and our Nation. 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, and we won't be able to close the unsafe and isolated DC General.

Homelessness is a serious problem in DC, and all District residents should share the burden of rectifying this problem. I therefore strongly support the District's effort to build short- term housing for homeless families and to place this housing in 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, I do not believe the design is incompatible with the neighborhood. Indeed, as I look out my rear window today, I see a 3 story building directly behind me, and a building on the next block, which because it sits on a hill, appears to rise an additional 3 stories. Nor do I believe the proposed facility's operation will adversely affect the surrounding community to a significant degree beyond that already presented by the existing police facility.

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.

Sincerely,

David Bickart