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Sent: Friday, February 17, 2017 5:02 PM
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 and am proud that the District government is doing its best to work on the problem of homelessness in our community. I am writing 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, and we won't be able to close the unsafe and isolated DC General.

I feel that given the seriousness of the homelessness problem in DC, all District residents should share the burden of remedying 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. My home has a 3 story apartment building behind it and, a school a block away has built a building where I see 3 stories above the height of the apartment building. I also do not think 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 serve the overall best need of the community.

Sincerely,
Toni Bickart