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Sent: Saturday, February 18, 2017 11:28 AM
To: DCOZ - BZA Submissions (DCOZ)
Subject: Ward 3, case 19450, in support of short term family housing at 3320 Idaho avenue, NW

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

Chairperson Hill:

I reside at 4547 Indian Rock Terrace NW in Ward 3. I am writing this letter in full support of the proposed short term family housing at 3320 Idaho Avenue, NW. The proposed location is beneficial in many ways, being on city-owned land, being close to a major thoroughfare of jobs and amenities in DC (Wisconsin Ave), and being in a neighborhood with many supporters of the project who have already signaled eagerness to volunteer at the shelter (at an ANC meeting on 1/31/17).

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. 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. As another supporter said at a recent ANC meeting, there is a difference between impact and adverse impact, and the construction of this building does not constitute the latter.

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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