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To: DCOZ - BZA Submissions (DCOZ)
Subject: Ward 3, case 19450, in support of short term family housing at 3320 Idaho Ave., NW

I am writing to confirm my support for the Ward 3 short term family housing at 3320 Idaho Ave., NW in Washington DC . My name is Rick Fischer and I live at 3606 Newark Street in the District of Columbia. My house is less than three blocks from what I understand is the proposed site of the short term family housing facility behind the Second District Police Station on Idaho Avenue.

The sad fact is that there are too many homeless people living in Washington DC. While the plight of homeless people in the city generally is unfortunate, homeless families with young children is particularly disturbing. Housing all such families at the current location makes it difficult to adequately care for and protect homeless children. This is why I support the plan to use existing city owned land throughout the city for short term family housing facilities. Although it is only three blocks from my home, I believe the planned Idaho Avenue property should be used for this purpose. In particular, I believe that locating the facility adjacent to the Second District Police Station would enable the police based at the station to protect the children living at the facility. In addition, the proximity of the police to the facility would allow the police to address any inappropriate activities at the facility or in the surrounding neighborhood, and to provide any protection that might be needed for the neighbors, including me.

I would be happy to discuss my views regarding the proposed facility in greater detail if that would be helpful.

Rick Fischer

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