

To: bzasubmissions@dc.gov

Re: Ward3, case 19450 in support of transitional housing at 3320 Idaho Ave. NW

Fredrick Hill, Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th St. NW, Suite 210S
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Chairperson Hill:

We reside at 3071 Ordway St. NW in ANC3C where the transitional housing has been proposed at 3320 Idaho Ave. NW.

We urge you to grant the variances and special exceptions needed for this facility. We strongly believe that Ward 3 needs to do its share in creating the transitional housing that will enable the city to close DC General.

There is, in fact, broad support for this facility across the Ward and also within ANC3C. We are confident that this support will translate into active volunteer efforts that can help make the Ward 3 housing equal to the best in the city.

We understand the anxieties of the immediate neighbors but believe that, as with other well-run transitional housing, the reality will prove far more positive than the initial fears. The size of the structure is not out of place with its neighbors to the north and east; the difficult parking in the area long pre-dates this proposal and will not be substantially aggravated by this housing.

The public good for the city far outweighs any problems caused by the change so we urge approval for this building and the garage. When approved, residents here will welcome our new neighbors to Ward 3, and the city will understand that Ward 3 is doing its share in assisting our fellow citizens who have fallen on difficult times.

Sincerely,

Jane and Reeve Vanneman
3071 Ordway St. NW