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From: eileen essaye <Essayee@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 19, 2017 9:56 PM
To: DCOZ - BZA Submissions (DCOZ)
Subject: Ward 3, case 19450, in support of short term family housing at 3320 Idaho Ave., NW

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

Dear Chairperson Hill:

We reside at 4806 Albemarle Street NW in Ward 3. Prior to moving to our current home, our family lived in Cleveland Park for 35 years. We're very familiar with the location of the proposed short term family housing at 3320 Idaho Ave., NW. and are writing to fully support it. We commend Mayor Bowser's efforts to close DC general and provide short term housing in each ward of the city. After reading the POST coverage of the conditions at D.C. General when it was published several months ago, it was hard to understand how any adult or child should have to call it 'home'.

We understand that there are concerns of some local residents in the immediate neighborhood, but sometimes "the greater good" has to be the guiding principle. If each ward finds reasons to fight the plan, the goal of replacing D.C. General's totally unsafe and unsuitable housing will never be met. That seems to go against the the goal that this city has talked about for years and is finally close to being able to implement. We've never experienced life without a roof over our heads but we feel strongly that this plan could make that true for many families as they move into the future.

Granting the three variances necessary to build the facility at 3320 Idaho Ave.: more than one primary structure on the lot, the number of stories and building height as well as the requirement for a loading dock would be the way to make this plan a reality. We appreciate your thoughtful consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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District of Columbia
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