

February 20, 2017

By email: bzasubmission@dc.gov

Re: Ward 3, Case 19450, In Support of Short Term Family Housing at 3320 Idaho Avenue N.W.

Frederick Hill, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441-4th Street, NW, Suite 2105
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Chairman Hill:

We are writing in support of the proposed short term family housing at 3320 Idaho Avenue. We have lived in Ward 3 for almost 33 years and strongly believe that this housing facility will not only help alleviate our homelessness crisis but will also be an addition to our part of the city. Ward 3 must carry its share of new housing so that the disgraceful DC General shelter can be closed and we can create facilities with wrap around services that will give families that are homeless an opportunity for a better life.

We support Mayor Bowser's plan to build short term housing for homeless families in all 8 wards. We believe that the Ward 3 facility design is compatible with the neighborhood and will not compromise the aesthetics of the surrounding homes and townhouses which have a significant amount of commercial properties around it. We urge you to grant the variances needed to build this facility that would allow more than 1 primary structure on the lot, the number of stories proposed, the building height as designed, as well as waiving the loading dock requirement. The greater public good outweighs the inconvenience to the small number of individuals who have mounted an aggressive and negative media campaign.

Sincerely,

Jamie and Stuart Butler