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From: John Graham <jmg@gracedc.org>
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2017 5:02 PM
To: DCOZ - BZA Submissions (DCOZ)
Subject: Ward 3, case 19450, in support of short term family housing at 3320 Idaho Ave. NW

Dear Chairperson Hill;

I reside at 3000 Connecticut Ave. NW in Ward 3. I am writing this letter to express my full support of the proposed short term family housing at 3320 Idaho Avenue, NW. Without the proposed family housing in Ward 3, the District will not be able to meet its goal of 240 replacement units citywide so D.C. General can finally be closed. Closing DC General, a long-term goal of the District, is widely supported as a significant step forward for Washington in its support of our homeless neighbors.

Homelessness is a serious problem in the District, not only for our homeless neighbors themselves but for the entire community. We define ourselves by our care for the most vulnerable among us, and the opportunities we work together to offer them. 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.

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.

Thank you very much,

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