

**Board of Zoning Adjustment – Meeting, March 1, 2017**

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

Chairperson Hill:

I reside at 3065 Porter Street in Ward 3, just a few blocks away from the Idaho Avenue site. As a Ward 3 homeowner, I am writing this letter in full support of the proposed short term family housing at 3320 Idaho Avenue, NW. This housing is critically needed: 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. And closing DC General is a long-term, widely-supported goal in the District.

Homelessness is a serious problem here in D.C. 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, as someone who lives nearby, 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 truly will be served by approving this building.

Sincerely,

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