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Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 5:21 PM
To: DCOZ - BZA Submissions (DCOZ)
Subject: Ward 3, Case 19450 -- Homeless Shelter

Frederick Hill, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441-4th St., NW, Suite 2105
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Chairman Hill:

We live at 3716 Garfield Street NW in Ward 3. We are writing this letter to support the proposed short term family housing at 3320 Idaho Ave., NW. Our home is midway between the Wisconsin Avenue site originally proposed for the shelter and the site on Idaho Avenue, and we've been able attend meetings about both sites. While we did not oppose the first site, we thought that the District government was responding to community concerns in proposing the second site. To us, this seems to be an appropriate site for the shelter.

Homelessness is a serious problem in DC. Closing DC General and implementing a systematic District-wide approach to dealing with this problem is very important to our city. We strongly believe that all wards – including Ward 3 – should be part of this. Without this housing in Ward 3, the District will not be able to meet its goal of 240 replacement units for families now housed at DC General and won't be able to close DC General. Though concerns have been expressed about design and height of the proposed building, we do not believe the design is incompatible with the neighborhood, nor will its operation adversely affect the surrounding community.

We urge you to grant the variances needed to build this facility: more than one primary structure on the lot; the number of stories and building height; and waiving the loading dock requirement. The Board's approval will advance the public good and the public interest.

Sincerely,

Sarah & Matthew Canzoneri