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

RE: Ward 3 Short-term family shelter

Dear Mr. Hill,

I am writing this letter to offer my full support for the proposed family shelter at 3320 Idaho Avenue, NW. I reside in Ward 3 that is the site selected by the D.C. Council for the short-term family emergency shelter. I have spoken with representatives from the D.C. government and I have reviewed the architectural plans for the shelter. My understanding is that the District seeks to construct a six-story shelter and that that will require zoning relief from the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) regarding the building height, number of stories, loading, and parking. It is my understanding that the shelter will share the parking lot with the second district police station. The District staff has worked diligently to provide information, holding community meetings, and explaining the process needed to operate an emergency shelter at this location. My understanding is that this is the third possible site to be discussed, the others defeated by potential neighbors. I think this is an excellent site, with public education, public transport, and a grocery store conveniently located.


As we all know, homelessness is a serious problem in our city and I thoroughly support our local government's effort to construct short-term housing for homeless families. The Ward 3 shelter must be able to accommodate 50 units for homeless families, hence six stories. I understand that others in Ward 3 are concerned with the height and parking needed to house 50 families. I would point out that homeless families rarely have cars, and that those providing social services

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for those families will not have many cars. I do not believe this project will adversely affect the surrounding community. Without the proposed shelter at Ward 3 the city will not be able to meet its goal of closing D.C. General, which is a thoroughly inadequate facility, and the city will continue to lack housing for our homeless population.

I fully support the short-term family emergency shelter and I hope that the ANC 3C and the Board of Zoning Adjustment will also support this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Gallagher". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Kathleen Gallagher