

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

Re. Ward 3, case 19450 in support of short term family housing at 3320 Idaho Ave., NW

Chairperson Hill:

I reside at 2728 Ordway Street, NW in Ward 3 and have been a resident of Cleveland Park for thirteen years. I am writing this letter in 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 within the Ward 3 community and we need to do our part to help alleviate family homelessness in our nation's capital.

We all recognize that homelessness is a serious problem in the District. 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. Over the past few years, there has been tremendous commercial development in the same area and the addition of another building, one focused on the public good, is part of a vibrant community's evolution.

Therefore, 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.

Thank you for your consideration and time.

Sincerely,  
Garret W. Sern  
2728 Ordway Street, NW