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Dear Chairperson Hill and Members of the Board:

I am a resident in ANC 3C and serve as the Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for ANC 3C04. I am writing to you on behalf of my Single Member District, 3C04. I strongly support the city's plan to establish short-term family housing co-located at 3320 Idaho Ave NW. The Board of Zoning Adjustment should grant the requested variances for co-location of two primary structures, height and stories, and loading. As will likely be noted in testimony by our Chair Nancy MacWood (3C09) or Commissioner Angela Bradbery (3C06), our commission voted 5-4 to express support for the shelter, but to oppose two of the city's requests. The variance request regarding height was the most hotly-contested issue at our ANC meeting.¹ The four commissioners who voted against the passing resolution *support the shelter* but voted against the resolution *because the resolution opposed the height variance request*.²

After many public and private meetings with the tireless representatives of DGS, DHS, and the architecture firm Ayers Saint Gross, it is clear to me that the specific design of the building, including the proposed height, is necessary to provide the appropriate services and programs to those in short-term family housing.

There are few civic functions more clearly in the public interest than helping homeless families. It is important that Ward 3 community be allowed to do its part³ with this citywide necessity and host the planned shelter at 3320 Idaho Ave NW.

Sincerely,

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¹ See Cleveland Park in the City, ANC 3C meeting, Facebook (Feb. 21, 2017) (recorded video of ANC 3C's Feb. 21 meeting discussing the proposed shelter), available at <https://www.facebook.com/CPintheCity/>; Cleveland Park in the City, ANC3c, Facebook (Feb. 21, 2017) (recorded video of ANC 3C's Feb. 21 meeting and voting on proposed shelter), available at <https://www.facebook.com/CPintheCity/>.

² *Id.* See also Jessica Wasserman, Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for 3C03, Letter in Support from Jessica Wasserman (filed Feb. 24, 2017).

³ It is important to note that the BZA granted similar variances for shelters in Wards 4, 7, and 8.