

## **Cochran, Patricia (DCOZ)**

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**From:** Josh Beraha <jberaha@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 03, 2017 2:19 PM  
**To:** DCOZ - BZA Submissions (DCOZ)  
**Subject:** Case # 19450, 3320 Idaho Avenue, NW

Dear Chairperson Hill,

I reside near 3320 Idaho Avenue, NW, the site selected by the D.C. Council for the short-

term family emergency shelter in Ward 3. I live within

2

blocks of the proposed shelter

(at 3860 Rodman Street in Mclean Gardens).

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have spoken with representatives from the D.C. government and I have reviewed the architectural plans for the shelter. I understand that the District seeks to construct a six-story shelter, but the District will have to obtain zoning relief from the BZA for building height and number of stories, loading, and parking. I am also aware that the shelter will share the lot with the second district police station. The District has done a positive job of providing information, holding community meetings, and explaining the process needed to operate an emergency shelter at this location.

**I am writing this letter to offer my full support for the proposed family shelter at 3320**

**Idaho Avenue, NW.** Homelessness is a serious problem in the District, and I applaud 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, which I understand drives the height and stories requirement. I also understand that others are concerned with the height and parking, but I do not believe this project will adversely affect the surrounding community.

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Without the proposed shelter at Ward 3, which supports a needed public objective, the District will not be able to meet its goal of closing D.C. General, and we will continue to lack housing for our homeless population. As such, I fully support the short-term family emergency shelter and I hope that ANC 3C and the Board of Zoning Adjustment can support this project as well.

Best,

Josh