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To: DCOZ - BZA Submissions (DCOZ)
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Subject: Support For Case 19450, 3320 Idaho Avenue, NW

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

Dear Chairperson Hill,

My family and I live .2 miles from 3320 Idaho Avenue, NW, the site selected by the D.C. Council for the short-term family emergency shelter in Ward 3. I have attended ANC meetings with representatives from the D.C. government, and I am aware of the architectural plans for the six-story shelter. I understand that the District is seeking zoning relief from the BZA for building height and number of stories, loading, and parking. I am also aware that the shelter will share a lot with the second district police station.

I am writing to voice my full support for the shelter at 3320 Idaho Ave, NW. As a long-time resident of Ward 3, I believe this project is good for my neighborhood and for families experiencing homelessness in my city. Further, as one of the DC Local organizers for the Women's March on Washington, I believe that the Ward 3 short-term family housing project reflects the values of the Women's March because it provides safe and dignified housing to vulnerable women and children in our city.

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 some of my neighbors are concerned with the height and parking. As someone who lives very close to the shelter site and who relies on street parking, I do not believe this project will adversely affect the surrounding community.

Homelessness is a serious problem in the District, and I support our local government's effort to construct short-term housing for homeless families. Without the proposed shelter in Ward 3, I fear that 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. Therefore, I fully support the short-term family emergency shelter, and I hope that ANC 3C and the Board of Zoning Adjustment will support this project as well.

Sincerely,

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