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To: Cochran, Patricia (DCOZ); Cevasco, Jenna (EOM)
Subject: opposition to Idaho Avenue shelter

Dear Members of Board of Zoning Adjustment:

- The DC City Council and Mayor's Office have peremptorily and with no semblance of analysis or reasonable process decided to place a 186-resident shelter on the 2nd District Police Station on Idaho Avenue.
- The ANC voted unanimously on June 20, 2016 to object to lack of notice and to examine essential issues that needed to be addressed prior to such an important policy change.
http://anc3c.org/?wpfb_dl=385
- The Neighbors for Responsive Government brought a lawsuit against the city asserting that the shelter decision was contrary to law because it changed the use of city property in the absence of required ANC input.
- The city's various zoning requests and special exception requests for the city should be denied because the proposed use is far outside what is permitted in this zone, the proposed facility is completely inconsistent with the surrounding neighborhood, and the proposed facility places two incompatible buildings on the same lot.
- The Neighbors for Responsive Government have spelled out in detail compelling reasons to deny the city's requests including jeopardy to neighborhood and citywide security by hobbling police operations.
- The city has offered no justification for overriding zoning requirements and has not examined alternative sites.
- Further, the proposed shelter would not meet the needs of homeless families:
 - no daycare would be provided on site for small children
 - no kitchens, no private bathrooms, kids would have to walk down a public hallway to get to the restroom
 - the traffic study is inadequate and biased, public transportation to the site is sporadic

Sincerely and respectfully,

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