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From: John Hogan <jhogan4020@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 5:02 PM
To: DCOZ - BZA Submissions (DCOZ)
Subject: Homeless shelter-Ward #19452

Dear Sir/Madam of the BZA:

We write in support of the City's proposal for a Homeless Shelter in Ward 5. The location is at: 1700 Rhode Island Ave. NE. The project # is 19452.

As residents of Ward 5 for 45 years, we strongly support the proposed shelter that will provide temporary housing for homeless residents of the area. Although we had some reservations about size and height of the building, we endorse going ahead. The city must respond to our homeless folks.

Recently, there has been a rash of writing and discussion that conflates this issue with the issue of development in Brookland and Ward 5---this does not make sense. The Mayor is attempting to implement a plan to help the homeless---an area like Brookland and Brentwood ---full of churches and sincere Christians should see the difference between rampant development and this program. The plan is an attempt to be equitable in sharing this burden---we all need to step-up. NIMBY should not be our guiding principle. While we certainly believe that people most immediately effected--"200 footers" should have honest input, and deserve attention to their concerns, the area seems appropriate---RI Ave. is a main artery, with commercial establishments and metro access. With proper vigilance and neighborhood involvement, the plan can work. In these difficult times, we all need to step up and aide those in need.

We support the Ward 5 Homeless Shelter -#19452. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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