

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

Re: BZA Application No. 19452

Dear Chairperson Hill,

I reside in Ward 5. I have spoken with representatives from the D.C. government and I have reviewed the concept plans for the shelter. I understand that the District seeks to construct a six-story shelter as an addition to the existing building that was previously a police substation and that as a result the District will have to obtain relief from the BZA for building height, FAR, lot occupancy, rear yard, court width, loading, and parking. 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 1700 Rhode Island Avenue, N.E. 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 5 shelter must be able to accommodate 46 units for homeless families, which I understand drives the relief requested. Without the proposed shelter at Ward 5, 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 short term housing for our homeless families. As such, I fully support the short-term family emergency shelter and I hope that ANC 5B and the Board of Zoning Adjustment can support this project as well.

Sincerely,



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