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Mr. Frederick Hill, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
BZA Case #19540, 3320

Dear Chairperson Hill,

A 35-year Ward 3 resident living at 3302 Cleveland Avenue, NW, I write to offer my unswerving support for the short-term family emergency shelter in Ward 3 on Idaho Avenue. I have been to several of the public meetings on this project and believe that the voices of those supporting the project have not been sufficiently heard.

While there are concerns about the height of the building, I believe that the special exceptions and variance requests are reasonable accommodations to make for this project. I also think that parking concerns of neighbors can be addressed with the proposed new parking structure to be located on the Second District Police property.

Why do I feel so strongly in support of this project? There are many reasons:

-The richest ward in the city ought to be leading the way in assisting the neediest of our fellow citizens on a convenient piece of city property. Those to whom much has been given - have a moral and human responsibility to those not so lucky. If our Judeo-Christian-Islamic tradition doesn't require this-- then simple fellow feeling does.

-Those who live in a city have to accept physical changes in their surroundings over time. Immediate neighbors to the proposed new building bought their houses with a city building already across the street. They do not live in a totally sylvan environment. The new building will not drastically alter the character of the block or of the neighborhood.

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-The new building will not alter the rising real estate values in the neighborhood.

-There was a city-run home for mentally challenged folks around the corner from my home on Cleveland Ave. The residents were fine additions to the community; property values continued to rise; neighbors and their children learned, enjoyed, and grew by reaching out to these new neighbors.

-The neighborhood is full of churches, schools, and individual neighbors who will volunteer to meet and assist their new neighbors and help make this important city project a success.

-I have spoken about the proposed temporary shelter with neighbors on Cleveland Ave, Klinge Road, 34th Street and Place, and Garfield Street (at block parties and other neighborhood gatherings.) To a person, they feel that this is a vital civic and human project that will benefit the whole city and Ward 3, and that we would be proud to have it our midst.

With many thanks for taking my views into consideration, and kind regards,

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