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Attn: Frederick Hill, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Dear Chairperson Hill,

My wife Sarah and I reside near 3320 Idaho Avenue, NW, the site selected by the D.C. Council for the short-term family emergency shelter in Ward 3. We live at 4512 Davenport Street, NW. We have spoken with representatives from the D.C. government and have reviewed the architectural plans for the shelter. We understand that the District seeks to construct a six-story shelter, but the District will have to obtain zoning relief from the BZA for building height and number of stories, loading, and parking. We are also aware that the shelter will share the lot with the second district police station. 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.

We are writing this letter to offer our full support for the proposed family shelter at 3320 Idaho Avenue, NW. Homelessness is a serious problem in the District, and we applaud our local government's effort to construct short term housing for homeless families. The Ward 3 shelter must be able to accommodate 50 units for homeless

families, which we understand drives the height and stories requirement. We also understand that others are concerned with the height and parking, but we do not believe this project will adversely affect the surrounding community. Without the proposed shelter at Ward 3, 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 housing for our homeless population. As such, we fully support the short-term family emergency shelter and we hope that ANC 3C and the Board of Zoning Adjustment can support this project as well.

Sincerely,

Ledlie & Sarah Laughlin

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