

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

Dear Chairperson Hill,

I reside near 850 Delaware Avenue, SW, the site selected by the D.C. Council for the short-term family emergency shelter in Ward 6. I live within 2 miles of the proposed shelter. 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 seven-story shelter, but the District will have to obtain zoning relief from the BZA for putting the emergency shelter at this location, and for building height and number of stories, 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 850 Delaware Avenue, SW. 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 6 shelter must be able to accommodate 50 units for homeless families, which I understand drives the height and stories requirement. I do not believe this project will adversely affect the surrounding community. Without the proposed shelter at Ward 6, 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, I fully support the short-term family emergency shelter and I hope that ANC 6D and the Board of Zoning Adjustment can support this project as well.

Sincerely,

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