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February 27, 2017

Frederick L. Hill, Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
DC Office of Zoning
441 4th St NW Suite 200S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Case #19451, 850 Delaware Avenue, SW

Dear Chairperson Hill,

I am writing regarding the proposed short-term family emergency shelter at 850 Delaware Avenue, SW (BZA Case #19451). As the Councilmember for Ward 6, which includes the Southwest DC neighborhood surrounding this site, I am pleased to offer my support for this project.

As a member of the Ward 6 Short-Term Family Housing Advisory Team, I have seen first-hand the extensive community engagement the applicant has undertaken and the positive response from the neighborhood. This project will provide critical emergency housing for families in crisis in a much more dignified, safe, and humane setting than the current DC General family shelter. Closing DC General is an urgent goal, one that cannot be accomplished without the creation of the emergency housing at this site. The project also includes space for a much-needed community health clinic, a service strongly supported by the Southwest neighborhood.

The proposal for 850 Delaware Avenue, SW reflects extensive community input and has been carefully vetted by a diverse group of stakeholders to ensure it relates positively to the adjacent properties and open spaces. I appreciate your attention to these factors and hope you will consider them in your review of this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles Allen".

Councilmember Charles Allen, Ward 6
Chair, Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety

cc: Andy Litsky, Chair – ANC6D
Cara Shockley, Commissioner – ANC6D02

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EXHIBIT NO.57