

## **Cochran, Patricia (DCOZ)**

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**From:** Amy Gellatly <amygellatly@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 28, 2017 8:21 AM  
**To:** DCOZ - BZA Submissions (DCOZ)  
**Subject:** 19452, 1700 Rhode Island Avenue NE.

Dear Office of Zoning and Commissioners,

I am writing to support my absolute support for the proposed Shelter in Ward 5, to be located at 1700 Rhode Island Ave NE. I have lived in Ward 5 for six years, and I hope to live here for many more and to raise a family here as well. I support the Mayor's efforts to address the critical crisis of homelessness in DC. I think it is only fair that each Ward do its part to take on some of this responsibility.

I believe the Rhode Island Ave location is a good choice because it will not be too isolating for the residents of the shelter. They will have access to bus line, certain social services, and they will not be terribly far from the Rhode Island metro. I think putting a shelter near an active business district is a good idea. The nearby homeowners already have a lot to gain financially from the inevitable economic development of that area, so they can certainly absorb a shelter into their midst more easily than residents of other more distressed areas. I enjoy spending time on the strip of Rhode Island Ave in question, and I will not be any less likely to do so knowing that there's a shelter for people in need.

Thank you for considering my perspective.

Amy Gellatly  
Ward 5 Resident