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While I do not live in 5B03, I live nearby in 5E01 and I support Mayor Bowser's plan to replace DC General, a decrepit, unsafe and institutional shelter for homeless families, with six smaller and more humane facilities throughout DC, where families experiencing a housing crisis can receive the support they need. The Ward 5 site is at 1700 Rhode Island Ave, NE.

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While process and design will not make *all* parties satisfied, I do strongly support the building of a thoughtfully-sized short term housing facility for families at 1700 Rhode Island Ave NE where these families will be within a caring neighborhood and have close access to public transportation, groceries, Woodridge library, Langdon Park, and other services.

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