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Subject: Testimony For Group Home in Ward 7- SE

Good Afternoon,

I am a resident in Ward 7-Marshall Heights. I understand the there is a Business Zone request for a group home for young teens in the area.

As a resident who lives next door from a current group home for young boys, I am opposed to this new group home being operated in Marshall Heights. The residents of the group home at 5310 C ST SE have generated much consternation with the neighbors on this block. In the summer from 7:30 pm until 1:00 am, the boys hang out in the church parking lot on the corner of 53rd St SE and C St SE. Not only are the boys present, there are girls, drugs and alcohol readily available and consumed. The noise impacts the family oriented neighborhood and infringes upon the elderly neighbors who also reside on our block.

These young men and their friends also sit on personal cars, on fences, and on the steps of homes. Last year, there was a brawl with nearly 45 young people in the middle of the street. This disturbance prohibited the Metro from traveling on its route, and the bus had to take a different path. These same young men are responsible for setting off fireworks and explosives from May to October. I say this from experience because my car was damaged when the boys began throwing fireworks at each other and one landed on the hood of my car.

If these actions are any indication of how the new residents will act in the community, I am not supportive of the disruption the new

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residents will bring. While I support any facility which will provide assistance and support to residents with mental illness and substance abuse, this ward, and this neighborhood specifically, have house too many.

I am sure there are other areas in this city that would be better suited with the services and resources for this establishment.

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