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Fredrick L. Hill, Chairman  
 Board of Zoning Adjustment  
 441 4th Street NW Suite 200S  
 Washington, DC 20001

Re: Preliminary Fire and Emergency Medical Services Preliminary Review Short Term Family Housing Initiative  
 Ward 3 \_ 3320 Idaho Avenue, NW (Case# 19450)

Dear Mr. Hill,

The Districts Fire and Emergency Medical Services supports the Mayor's "A Plan to Close DC General: Short Term Family Housing in All 8 Wards" Initiative. We understand the Department of General Services on behalf of the Department of Human Services; will replace DC General by developing several short-term family housing facilities across the city. Each facility will include on-site wraparound services in permanent housing programs, housing search assistance, social work staff, early childhood screenings and school liaisons; education, training and employment services, health care, age appropriate recreation, essential location for meals, and financial and budget management services. The Ward 3 site has been submitted to BZA for the Proposed Use of Emergency Shelter Use designation for the program of these facilities.

We had an opportunity to review the updated site plan for the Ward 3 location. FEMS Office of the Fire Marshal has no objection to the approval of this development project if the following requirement is adhered to:

- 1.) Fire department access to the referenced building, site, lot and square and any adjoining property, lots and squares is not compromised and is developed and maintained in accordance with *Chapter 5 Fire Service Features, Section 503 Fire Apparatus Access Roads and Appendix "D"* of the International Fire Code (IFC) 2012 edition.

As our mission is to preserve life and promote health and safety, we trust our initial feedback was beneficial and you find this letter in full support of your continued efforts and no objects to your BZA Application. In the interim, we are available to address any additional questions you and or your team may have in preparation for your upcoming March 1, 2017 BZA hearing.

| Ward | Site              | Zoning | Proposed Use      | Relief Sought                       | Sections of Title 11 DCMR |
|------|-------------------|--------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 3    | 3320 Idaho Avenue | RA-1   | Emergency Shelter | Special Exception<br>Area Variances | 701.5 and 4201.1          |

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely yours,

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