

February 27, 2017

Board of Zoning Adjustment
Attn: Frederick Hill, Chairman
441 4th St NW, Suite 210S
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Case Number 19452 DC Department of General Services

Dear Chairman Hill,

The following document is a petition expressing the opposition of 291 residents of Ward 5B for the zoning special exceptions and variances requested by DC Department of General Services in Case 19452 for the proposed temporary homeless shelter at 1700 Rhode Island Avenue NE.

A grassroots group of SMD 5B03 residents have gone door to door speaking with our neighbors in SMD 5B03, and all hand-written petition signatures come from this SMD. The online version of this petition was open to all of Ward 5B residents and accounts for 83 of the signatures. We have collected a total of 291 signatures. Of the homes we visited, approximately 15-20 percent answered their doors. An estimated 90-95 percent of those who did speak with us strongly supported our petition.

This petition was presented to ANC 5B in order to represent the opinion of our neighbors to the ANC. On behalf of these residents of 5B, we respectfully request you deny the zoning variances and special exceptions requested by the DC Department of General Services in Case 19452 for the proposed temporary homeless shelter at 1700 Rhode Island Avenue NE.

We support the goal of the city of Washington, DC to provide housing for the homeless, and more specifically, of placing 50 homeless families in Ward 5. However, we oppose the current shelter design plans for 1700 Rhode Island Avenue NE. The shelter as planned is too tall, poorly designed for the site, and is incongruous with the neighborhood. We ask that you join the residents of our SMD in opposing the special exceptions and variances the city has requested.

Thank you,



Lauren Wiesner
1918 Lawrence Street NE

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Witena Phelps	1709 Irving St NE 20018
ERIC TOATLEY	1232 GIRARD St NE 20017

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	1447 Lawrence St NE

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M M Cintas	1403 Lawrence St NE
Joe Paleyar	1402 Lawrence St NE
Dorothy Wilson	1401 Lawrence St N.E.
Howard Maurin	1410 Lawrence NE WDC
Damian Padilla	1432 Lawrence NE WDC
Art King (ADEEP)	2917 14th St NE DC
Glen Winestock DC	3111 14th NE DC
Fred Jackson	3032-14th St N.E DC
Michael Done FF	1525 Kearny St NE DC
DUJDAO LEFEBURE	1510 KEARNEY ST, NE DC
Chad Russell	1512 Kearny St. NE DC
Monica Lester	1440 Kearney St NE DC
Michelle Brandy	1422 Kearney St. NE DC
Debra Betha	1418 Kearney St NE DC
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INNA SCHWARTZ	1412 Kearney St. NE DC
BRIAN SCHWARTZ	1412 KEARNEY St NE DC
Jan Frewer	1408 1/2 Kearny St. NE DC
Brian Santola	1468 Kearny St NE DC

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Matt Taylor 3008 17th St	3008 17th St
E.M.S.	1617 Irving St NE DC 20018
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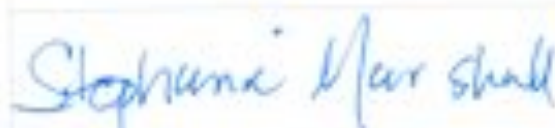
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 Sheda O'Sullivan	1618 Hamlin St NE Washington, DC 20018
	1605 Brentwood Washington DC 20018
	2999 16 th St NE 20018

Thomas Ross - 1603 Brentwood Ave. N.E. ¹⁰⁴⁶⁴⁻²⁵ 20018

Patricia Young 1610 Strid St. N.E.

Cartha Pauling 3001-16th St NE 20018

Jessica Vaughn 3009 16th ST NE

Kam Indusri 3002 16th St NE

Derrick Brace 3127 16th St NE

Tea Jackson 1611 Jackson St NE

Jayf Thompson 3205 16th ST NE 20018

Major Clark 3015 16th ST NE 20018

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Robert Hawn	3704 20th St. N.E Wash. D.C.
Louise W Smith	1413 Girard St NE
J. E. White	1501 Hawn St. NE Washington, DC 20017
Cheryl	2815 15th St NE Washington DC 20018

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Johanna W. Jones	1616 Lawrence St NE
DeDe (Brown)	1700 LAWRENCE ST NE

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Alyson Dawley	1704 Lawrence St NE 20018
Lekesh Pai	1704 Lawrence St NE 20018
Jamal High	1800 Lawrence St NE 20018
Stanley Williams	1806 Lawrence St NE
Keith Turner	1808 Lawrence St NE
Frank Walker	1810 Lawrence St NE
James ...	1926 Lawrence St NE
John Smith	1847 Monroe St NE
...	3222 20th Street NE
Alan ...	3222 20th Street NE
M. ...	1815 Monroe Street NE
Arden ...	1841 Monroe St NE
^{Donna Shaw} Dorrie Shaw	1837 Monroe St, NE
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Jeanne W. Winston Jeanne W. Winston	1930 Kearny St NE

Tyrone Gibson	1923 Kearny St NE
Roslyn W Gibson	1923 Kearny St NE
Robin B. Washington	1905 Kearny St NE
Melissa Litwiler	1817 Kearny St NE
Jamman Litwiler	1817 KEARNY ST NE
Joe NEWMAN	1717 Kearny St. NE
Kayode Vaughan-Cook	1608 Kearny St NE
Gerahdine Watkins	1607 Kearny St, NE.
Antoinette Better Willis	1605 Kearney Street, NE
Reynolds Montgomery	667 Brandywine St. SE
Itey Brown	1716 KEARNY ST, NE DC
MARSHALL DATCHER	3219 17 th ST NE 20018
Aaron Rudolph	1800 KEARNY St NE 20018
Miriam Rudolph	1800 KEARNY St NE 20018
Cynthia Outlaw	1808 KEARNY St NE 20018
1814 Kearny St NE	FRANCIS MITCHELL
Roselle Dawson	1914 Kearny St NE
Michael L. Smith	1924 KEARNY St NE with 20018.
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Froy Brown	1926 KEARNY St NE DC 20018

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Math. S. H.	Matthew Hester	1938 Jackson St, NE 20018
	Alex Lunday	1806 Jackson St NE 20018
	Sarah Dickerson	1740 Jackson St NE 20018
	Alice King	1715 Jackson St. NE 20018
	John M. Fung	1715 Jackson St NE 20018
	DeCastro Brown	1706 - JACKSON ST. N.E.
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	* David E. Douglas	1702 Jackson St. N.E.
	* Lisa M. White	1610 Jackson St N.E.
	Julian Dickerson	1701 Jackson St, NE, Wash, DC
	Arthur Stricker	1709 Jackson St NE
	Alice YEAGER	1744 JACKSON ST NE
	Sam King (Sam King)	1820 Jackson St, NE
	Elizabeth J. Handerson	1829 Jackson St. NE
	Mark H. Chidester	1935 Jackson St. NE
	Eleanor M Proctor	1903 Lawrence St NE Washington DC 20018
	John G Proctor	1705 LAWRENCE ST NE
	Adrian Johnson	1905 Lawrence St NE
	Joyce A King	1905 Lawrence St NE



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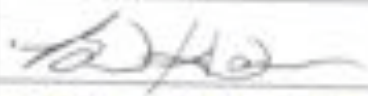
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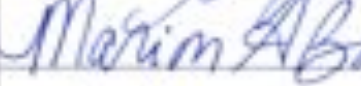
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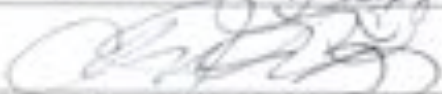
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Sean Adams	1428 Irving NE 20017
Chris Bennett	1428 Irving NE 20017
Deanna Deamy	1424 IRVING NE 20017
Heidi Baker	1422 IRVING ST. NE
Larry R	1410 IRVING ST. NE WDC 20017
	1407 Irving St NE WDC 20017
	1465 IRVING ST NE DC 20017
	1421 IRVING ST, NE DC 20017
Marim Ababcock	1435 Irving St. NE DC 20017
Jeri Bousis	1435 Irving St NE
Debra Roper	1509 Grand St NE 20017
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Pete Skoienos	1410 Hamlin St NE
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Bette Shearin	1413 Hamlin St NE
Jacqueline M Smith	1431 Hamlin St NE
Alexandra Husliar	1424 Hamlin St. NE
Rory Davis	1420 Hamlin St. NE
Stephen A. Davis	1420 Hamlin St. NE
Ayda Robinson	1414 HAMLIN ST NE
Asaf Dicker	1507 Hamlin St NE
Edwin Jadin	1527 Hamlin St NE

Romane Bowman	1389 Hamlin St. NC Wash DC 2017
Margaret L. Lucas	1505 Hamlin St. NE Washington, DC (20017)
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Support the Revision of Ward 5 Shelter Plans

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Signatures

1. Name: John Iskander on 2017-01-18 19:43:02
Comments: Thanks for doing this. Keep Woodridge development human scale!

2. Name: Fred Nicely on 2017-01-18 20:36:01
Comments: This is not a good location for a shelter, it is too far away from the Metro.

3. Name: Jeff Steen on 2017-01-18 21:40:56
Comments:

4. Name: James Buckley on 2017-01-18 21:43:26
Comments:

5. Name: Karen Jagielski on 2017-01-18 22:25:57
Comments:

6. Name: Jeffrey Allen Wilson on 2017-01-18 23:19:07
Comments: Brookland/ Ward 5 has way more than its share of homeless and other non profit facilities. We really shouldn't have ANY more. If we are going to have more, they should be WITHIN current zoning regulations -- NO EXCEPTIONS.

7. Name: Carol Fleming on 2017-01-19 00:47:29
Comments: I only partially agree with this petition. I think the shelter should've have been built in the first location in Ward5 in a more industrial area rather than a more residential area at 17th & RIA.

8. Name: Sheila Clark on 2017-01-19 03:24:20
Comments:

9. Name: Robert Osborne on 2017-01-19 03:39:50
Comments: Building a shelter with this many design flaws (height, lack of outdoor space,. etc.) would be worse than doing nothing. Obey the zoning laws!

10. Name: Sarah Buckler on 2017-01-19 04:43:16
Comments:

11. Name: Adam Krulewitz on 2017-01-19 16:21:30
Comments:

12. Name: kathy venaglia on 2017-01-19 21:43:32
Comments:

13. Name: Robert Shore on 2017-01-19 21:54:23
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14. Name: Aaron Eastlack on 2017-01-19 22:13:23
Comments:
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15. Name: Bernadette Grullon on 2017-01-20 04:46:43
Comments:
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16. Name: Mark Szymanski on 2017-01-20 14:28:46
Comments:
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17. Name: Jennifer Helvik on 2017-01-20 18:34:50
Comments: We are not opposed to the shelter being built a couple of blocks away from our house, but we ARE opposed to how thoughtless the planning is. How ridiculous for families to not have much-needed outdoor space. And let's not pretend that politics aren't involved. I wonder how residents in upper northwest would feel if a similar structure was built their neighborhood.
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18. Name: Kathy Jacquart on 2017-01-20 19:56:08
Comments:
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19. Name: Elaine Potwardoski on 2017-01-20 20:10:45
Comments:
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20. Name: Thomas M Kirlin on 2017-01-21 11:45:24
Comments: No six story buildings currently exist on Rhode Island Avenue, NE from the Rhode Island metro to Eastern Avenue, NE and the fewer than a half-dozen four and five story buildings along that stretch are all brick.
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21. Name: Jocelyn Coleman on 2017-01-21 12:33:22
Comments:
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22. Name: Stephanie Coleman on 2017-01-21 14:01:04
Comments:
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23. Name: Jackie young on 2017-01-21 14:05:04
Comments: Too big, bad location.
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24. Name: Laura Hussey on 2017-01-21 18:04:32
Comments:
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25. Name: Natonne Kemp on 2017-01-22 17:29:49

Comments:

26. Name: Maru Nin on 2017-01-23 00:52:04
Comments:

27. Name: andrew davis on 2017-01-23 14:36:31
Comments: The building would block the houses in the area plus the size looks as if they plan to house more than 50 people. Tell the mayor place her house in back of the structure see how she will feel.

28. Name: Theresa Perkins on 2017-01-23 19:04:11
Comments: The proposed shelter violates the Law! We have zoning laws for a reason. To try to house 50 families there is ludicrous. This is NOT the right place for a shelter at all. There should not be a shelter at 1700 RI Ave.

29. Name: Vanessa Miranda on 2017-01-23 22:51:27
Comments: I oppose the current shelter plan.

30. Name: Katie Leesman on 2017-01-24 01:25:38
Comments: The location for this shelter was thrust upon Ward 5 residents in an underhanded fashion, without opportunity for impacted residents to voice concerns. Moreover, residents were misled into believing that no additional structure would be built -- instead, the former firehouse would be utilized for the entirety of the shelter. Ward 5 residents have been misled at every step of this process, and deserve to be heard.

31. Name: Michael Ly on 2017-01-24 05:07:17
Comments:

32. Name: Evelyn Fraser on 2017-01-24 13:05:29
Comments:

33. Name: Polina Blintsovskaya on 2017-01-25 17:59:26
Comments:

34. Name: Shonelle Mapp on 2017-01-25 19:53:26
Comments:

35. Name: Colleen Dailey on 2017-01-26 02:27:42
Comments: This whole process was flawed and undemocratic... like so many other actions by the Bowser administration.

36. Name: Kathy Downey on 2017-01-26 17:51:50
Comments: Let's help homeless families by the city following its own rules so there is not neighborhood opposition. Without opposition, an appropriate shelter can be built and

homeless families can get out of the current shelter at DC General.

37. Name: Bernadette Grullon on 2017-01-27 11:49:54
Comments:

38. Name: Jeremy Buckler on 2017-01-27 19:16:42
Comments:

39. Name: Sondra Bennett on 2017-01-27 19:27:20
Comments:

40. Name: Montre Missouri on 2017-01-27 22:47:12
Comments:

41. Name: Tom Bridge on 2017-01-28 01:04:50
Comments:

42. Name: Stephanie Coleman on 2017-01-28 05:02:38
Comments:

43. Name: John Feeley on 2017-01-28 14:58:29
Comments: After hearing the presentation from DHS I agree that this site is inadequate for the proposed shelter. - J. Feeley 5B05

44. Name: Julia Bozzolo on 2017-01-30 17:07:31
Comments:

45. Name: Amanda Sweet on 2017-01-30 17:19:19
Comments: Always want to help homeless families get back up on their feet, but let's make sure it fits with current zoning laws.

46. Name: JM Belson on 2017-01-30 17:24:12
Comments:

47. Name: Clayton Nudel on 2017-02-01 13:46:44
Comments:

48. Name: Verna E Clayborne on 2017-02-03 01:57:03
Comments: This structure is totally incongruous with the other properties/homes and businesses in the neighborhood and the proposal for this site itself does not take other issues into consideration such as the open air drug market less than 3 blocks away that operates nearly 18 hours a day. Not a good mix for those already struggling with a myriad of problems, nor for their children.

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49. Name: Rene McCray on 2017-02-06 13:34:46
Comments: I agree it is too tall and poorly designed.
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50. Name: Dwannal McGahee on 2017-02-07 05:39:58
Comments: We need to ensure that this structure fits with current zoning laws.
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51. Name: Richard Hawkins on 2017-02-07 17:48:26
Comments: Not enough space for this building. Concerned about the value of my home if this is built nearby.
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52. Name: Jeffrey Becker on 2017-02-08 18:33:56
Comments:
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53. Name: Ken Bell on 2017-02-09 15:58:12
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54. Name: Elmira Jones on 2017-02-10 16:35:21
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55. Name: Jo Bonney on 2017-02-10 17:01:47
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56. Name: Ja young on 2017-02-10 17:06:38
Comments: Once again, DC is mistreating Ward 5. We will not put up with this any longer.
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57. Name: Lauren eastlack on 2017-02-10 17:55:03
Comments:
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58. Name: Greta Richardson on 2017-02-10 18:21:34
Comments: Opposing the current shelter design for the reasons noted in the petition.
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59. Name: Sarah Berg on 2017-02-10 18:22:52
Comments: Please make sure all city codes are followed, for the success of this initiative.
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60. Name: Liz Coleman on 2017-02-10 18:47:59
Comments: I do not support this design per the reasons listed in the petition.
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61. Name: Hillary McAuley on 2017-02-11 03:08:05
Comments: I do not support this design, lack of green space and complete lack of parking for this site. I support a shelter for families that does not provide additional services to

non shelter occupants during the day, however this is not an appropriate/legal design for this site.

62. Name: Brad Otterson on 2017-02-11 16:10:04
Comments: Shelter violates 7 zoning laws. Scale of building is too big. Homes near building will loose value. Unfair process by DHS and other city officials.

63. Name: Patricia flanagan on 2017-02-11 21:02:15
Comments: For the resins outlined in this petition, I add my signature to protest the design as currently planned and submit my signature to request approval by DC govt be withheld until plans meet all zoning laws including but not limited to scale, parking, green space and other amenities

64. Name: Soung wiser on 2017-02-11 22:28:37
Comments:

65. Name: Heather McCurdy on 2017-02-12 23:32:01
Comments:

66. Name: Patrick Keenan on 2017-02-13 01:54:50
Comments:

67. Name: Staci M Smith on 2017-02-13 15:28:35
Comments:

68. Name: Ronald Ramos on 2017-02-13 18:04:43
Comments:

69. Name: Richard hebron on 2017-02-13 18:26:32
Comments:

70. Name: Aleia Fobia on 2017-02-14 16:58:11
Comments:

71. Name: Eric I Toatley on 2017-02-16 14:13:35
Comments: The six story project is too tall for the surrounding houses. The lot is too small to have 55 families on the site. The design doesn't have enough parking or a loading dock separate from the houses. Also consider the nearby long time homeowners and their loss of property value. There was no notification by the city government that such a project is being planned so close to private homes.

72. Name: Phil Fowler on 2017-02-16 21:47:07
Comments:

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73. Name: Elly Szymanski on 2017-02-16 22:09:37
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74. Name: Caroline Petti on 2017-02-18 01:23:25
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75. Name: Vicki Langford on 2017-02-18 13:46:58
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76. Name: Gwynne Kostin on 2017-02-18 14:02:20
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77. Name: Tyler burriss on 2017-02-18 15:45:17
Comments:
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78. Name: Raquel McFadden on 2017-02-19 21:44:08
Comments:
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79. Name: Amy harrison on 2017-02-20 09:17:47
Comments: I oppose
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80. Name: Valerie Fitton-Kane on 2017-02-20 13:26:26
Comments:
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81. Name: Kelly Cornell on 2017-02-20 14:47:16
Comments: Both the design and process for this homeless shelter are flawed and unacceptable. The site is CLEARLY too small to fit the building as currently proposed and it always has been. There were multiple other sites that would had the room to accommodate 50 families. This was not one of them! Either change the design to meet existing zoning laws or revisit the selection of the site altogether.
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82. Name: Tia Harrison on 2017-02-21 03:27:20
Comments: I oppose
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83. Name: Thomasine Washington on 2017-02-22 20:44:29
Comments: The structure you are proposing seems to be large enough to replace the DC General shelter with all of its inherent problems caused by the crowding of too many persons into an inadequate space and should be placed on a larger area of land.
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