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**To:** DCOZ - BZA Submissions (DCOZ)  
**Subject:** Ashton Shelter

The Aston is the first D.C. shelter to accept couples and adult families, protecting the dignity and unity of those most in need. As a Ward 7 Commissioner there are adult families and couples here in Ward 7 that need these types of services. I personally believe Ward 2 and 3 have not done their job with supporting Adults and families that need shelter facilities. I don't think it is fair to the community that needs and wants this facility. In addition opponents already had ample opportunity to weigh in on this project; shutting the shelter down now disrupts lives and wastes resources. Closing The Aston mid-winter is inhumane and will force people back onto the streets.

The BZA should reject efforts to close the shelter, and the city should authorize it to operate at full capacity.

Respectfully,

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