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Hello,

I am a local DC resident (1445 Clifton St. NW) and I am writing in strong support for the Aston Shelter. The Ashton is the first D.C. shelter to accept couples and adult families, protecting the dignity and unity of those most in need. Additionally, opponents already had ample opportunity to weigh in on this project; shutting the shelter down now disrupts lives and wastes resources.

Finally, 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.

Best,  
Anjali Kolachalam