

To the DC Board of Zoning Adjustment,

I am currently a proud DC resident. I live in the West End, just a few blocks from the Aston. I recently heard of the lawsuit to prevent the opening of the Aston, and I am very concerned. Homelessness in DC is an extremely serious issue, and the West End is no exception. I am surely not the only resident to have personally encountered homeless people in the West End, who appeared to be in desperate need of safe shelter and humane care. The opening of the Aston is an important public safety measure, for both DC citizens in need of shelter, and for the safety and comfort of all West End residents. The opening of the Aston must proceed as quickly as possible. As the weather grows colder, each day that the Aston stays closed harbors an increasing risk for those who could fall ill or die without a place to live. I strongly urge the council to discard the appeal and allow The West End to contribute to reducing homelessness.

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