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March 24, 2025

Tanya Torres Trice  
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Dear Interim Director Trice:

At its public meeting on March 19, 2025, with a quorum of Commissioners present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D reviewed DC Zoning Commission Case No. 24-19 (Text Amendment to Subtitle B, § 100.2, definition of Youth Residential Care Home to include foster children up to age 20).

ANC 4D fully supports the Child and Family Services Agency's (CFS) petition to amend the zoning definition of a youth residential care facility to include foster children who are under the age of 21.

CFS is the District's agency that is responsible for child welfare and for the care and placement of the District's foster children. Foster children may remain in care until their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, ensuring older foster youth the opportunity to develop life skills and access housing and other supports to assist them in transitioning to adulthood.

Because the Department of Buildings has stopped issuing permits to youth residential facilities serving youth over the age of 18, CFSA would no longer be able to license these facilities once their DOB permits expire. Three youth residential facilities in Ward 4 have contracts and permits expiring in April and May of 2025.

ZC Case No. 24-19 will align the zoning regulations with District law and allow group homes for foster children to continue serving foster youth up to the age of 21.

ANC 4D voted to endorse Zoning Case 24-19 by a vote of 8 in favor, with 0 votes opposing, and 0 votes in abstention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jenn" or "Jenn Kauffman".

Jenn Kauffman  
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