

October 13, 2025

**VIA IZIS**

Anthony Hood, Chairperson  
D.C. Zoning Commission  
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200S  
Washington, DC 20001

**RE: ZC Case 24-24, 1201 New York Avenue NE**


Dear Chairperson Hood and Members of the Commission:

This letter is written in reference to the DC Department of General Services' ("DGS") application to the Zoning Commission under ZC Case No. 24-24 for the proposed men's emergency shelter to be constructed at 1201 New York Avenue NE. During the public hearing on September 29, 2025, the Zoning Commission reviewed two letters of opposition from individuals that live on Corcoran Street NE in Ivy City. The letters of opposition raised several points, including with respect to DGS' maintenance of existing facilities in the Ivy City neighborhood. I would like to address these comments as follows:

- DGS endeavors to provide the best service possible for residents of the District of Columbia and our client agencies. We manage over 1,000 properties that are District-owned or -leased, an extensive number that requires us to rely on our client agencies to prioritize maintenance and service requests.
- The building at 1861 Corcoran Street NE was previously used as an ADA-compliant shelter for one family. However, the building has been vacant for approximately two years. A building that is both vacant and beyond its useful life creates different maintenance challenges as compared to new construction.
- For maintenance requests, DGS works collaboratively with the client agency that is operating a site to submit a work order. Residents can contact the site facility manager, which is identified by the client agency, to place a work order request or submit a request directly through the District's "311" system.
- For the proposed emergency shelter at 1201 New York Avenue NE, the site facility manager will be identified once the building is operational. At that time, DGS will share the site facility manager's contact information with Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5D so that it can be distributed to the community. This will allow for a direct point of contact to address maintenance and service for the proposed shelter building.

We look forward to continued correspondence with the community and improving our service to our client agencies and District residents. We also thank the Commission for its time and consideration of this PUD/ Map amendment application.

Sincerely,  
D.C. DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES

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Delano Hunter, Director