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July 15, 2016

Stephanie Skroch
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Federal Bureau of Prisons
320 First Street, NW
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Re: Community opposition to RFP-200-1270-ES Submission by CGC (810 14th Street, NE)

Dear Ms. Skroch,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on July 14, 2016¹, our Commission voted 4-1 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to oppose the proposal submitted to the Federal Bureau of Prisons for RFP-200-1270-ES for the property located at 810 14th Street NE. This property is in Ward 6 and ANC6A. ANC6A believes that reentry services are a critical service to the community and supports these types of programs. Our Commission believes it is important to carefully select the appropriate location for these services and does not believe that 810 14th Street, NE is an appropriate site.

Miner Elementary School, a neighborhood school that serves 350 children from grades Pre-K 3 through 5th grade, is located very close to the proposed site. The close proximity to this neighborhood school makes the large proposal site incompatible with the needs of the community.

ANC6A has also received many comments from our constituents who strongly oppose this proposal. Concerns about the lack of support services that this proposal would require are paramount in the minds of our constituents. Lack of critical resources such as employment opportunities and substance abuse treatment centers also make this site incompatible for use

ANC6A strongly opposes the use of 810 14th St NE for this proposal. We are willing to work with you and Councilmember Charles Allen to identify a more appropriate site for these important services.

On behalf of the Commission,

Stephanie Zimny
Treasurer and Commissioner for ANC6A06

cc: Councilmember Charles Allen
Mayor Muriel Bowser
Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton

¹ ANC 6A meetings are advertised electronically on the anc6a-announce@yahoogroups.com, anc6a@yahoogroups.com, and newhilleast@yahoogroups.com, at www.anc6a.org, and through print advertisements in the Hill Rag.



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Councilmember - Ward 6

May 3, 2016

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Re: Letter of Opposition to RFP-200-1270-ES Submission by CGC (810 14th Street, NE)

Dear Ms. Skroch:

I am in receipt of a letter dated April 20, 2016 from representatives of CGC regarding their proposal submission to the Federal Bureau of Prisons for RFP-200-1270-ES for the property located at 810 14th Street, NE. This property is located in Ward 6, which I represent at the Council of the District of Columbia. Offender reentry services are of critical importance and bringing returning citizens back to their original communities is a helpful first step toward success. However, we must work to strike the right balance between supporting these individuals and finding the appropriate location for these services. The property at 810 14th Street, NE is not the right site.

This proposal is incompatible with the surrounding neighborhood. Its proximity to Miner Elementary, a neighborhood elementary school that serves nearly 400 children in grades PK - 5, would be particularly inconsistent with the needs of that location. Upon initial review, it remains unclear whether this use is allowed under current DC Zoning Regulations. The property is zoned with a specific zoning overlay which carves out exceptions for building use specific to missions that support arts and entertainment. Relatedly, the lack of easily accessible support resources such as employment, housing, and substance abuse treatment, makes this site inappropriate for this use.

I have discussed this proposal with the Metropolitan Police Department Commander for this area and share his serious concerns about the potential public safety impact of placing 300 or more returning citizens at this site. I am also concerned that the scale of this facility – a large institutional-style site rather than multiple smaller residential-style settings – compromises the quality of reentry experience this site would offer and places an undue burden on the surrounding neighborhood. Again, I reiterate my opposition to this proposal and stand ready to work with you to identify an alternative and more appropriate site.

Sincerely,

Councilmember Charles Allen
Council of the District of Columbia, Ward 6

cc: Mayor Muriel Bowser
City Administrator Rashad Young
Deputy Mayor for Public Safety Kevin Donohue
Chief Cathy Lanier, Metropolitan Police Department
Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner Stephanie Zimny, ANC6A
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