



Good Faith Communities Coalition

Taking action on homelessness and affordable housing with and for the poor in the District of Columbia

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Witness out of deep moral conviction.....

Big news items in proposed federal budget are all about cuts: \$3 billion from Community Development block grant; \$42 million from housing for the elderly; \$29 million from housing for persons with disabilities. It goes on and on.....



McPherson Square

Our local response to the chronically homeless can't be to turn our back on the progress that has been made, but rather to strengthen our commitment to house our most vulnerable neighbors. You may have walked for national issues, but now it is time to raise your voice, show your support, for DC residents who have been denied the dignity of a home.

Join Good Faith and [The Way Home](#) in support at the rally:

More for Housing Now - Saturday, March 18, 2017 - 10 AM - Noon
Foundry United Methodist Church - 1500 16th St. NW (walk from Dupont Metro)

Persevere.....

The Board of Zoning Adjustment met on March 1 to consider the city's request for zoning variances and exceptions needed to build short term family housing in 3 wards. The requests in Wards 3 and 5 faced opposition. The Ward 3 hearing lasted 7 hours. The architect presented the project and what had been done to lower the height of the building, still at 6 stories - and preliminary designs for the parking deck. Department of Human Services presented the program and services to be delivered. Attorneys represented each side; witnesses presented the benefits and the drawbacks. There was cross examination, clarification and re-statements. A large audience, many in favor, watched hour after hour. **Conclusion:** Closing statements will be submitted in writing; additional ANC comments on parking deck after they review new information will be submitted; BZA will render its decision at its meeting on March 22. Read [BZA documents](#) on Ward 3 - "View Full Log."



Accompany a Person in Need...healing wherever we see the broken

"The Torah, the 5 Books of Moses, fixates on one commandment more than any other - how we treat the stranger, those among us with little to no shelter and support. No fewer than 36 times, actually, is this mentioned in the 5 Books. For us, this creates a clear and unequivocal moral imperative to go to the margins, lift them up, and bring them back to the center with us, living side-by-side." Rabbi Aaron Alexander, Adas Israel, Testimony at the Board of Zoning Adjustment hearing on Ward 3 Housing, March 1, 2017.

Rise! Stand tall, be present, show up, be engaged. Let go of your fear. Engage

face-to-face with someone living on the margins.



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