

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES**



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Office of the Director

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**VIA FIRST CLASS U.S. MAIL and  
ELECTRONIC MAIL**

The Honorable Trayon White Sr., Councilmember  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 400  
Washington, DC 20004

Gottlieb Simon, Executive Director of the Advisory Neighborhood Commissions  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 8  
Washington, DC 20004

Kendall Simmons, Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner, ANC8E Chairperson  
1313 Congress Street, SE  
Washington, DC 20032

**RE: *Notice pursuant to D.C. Official Code Section 1-309.10 for a change of use at  
Malcolm X Recreation Center***

Dear Madams and Sirs:

Pursuant to D.C. Official Code Section 1-309.10, this letter shall serve as notice that the District of Columbia Department of General Services (“DGS”) intends to change the use of certain space at Malcolm X Recreation Center, located at 1351 Alabama Avenue SE in Ward 8 (“Property”). Specifically, approximately 3,500 square feet of space within the Property will be used as a seasonal hypothermia shelter (“Hypothermia Shelter”) operated by the District’s Department of Human Services (“DHS”). The subject space is currently used on an as-needed basis to support various programs for the Department of Parks and Recreation.

In compliance with the Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005, the Interagency Council on Homelessness creates an annual Winter Plan for the District that describes how individuals experiencing homelessness will be protected from cold weather injury. As you know, District residents have a legal right to shelter during hypothermia season. To meet the demonstrated need for the 2019-20 Hypothermia Season, this property will serve as a co-ed Seasonal Hypothermia

Shelter. The Hypothermia Shelter will help ensure that such legal right is protected by providing a safe and warm place for homeless individuals who cannot access other safe shelter. The Hypothermia Shelter will also be made available to non-District residents who are experiencing homelessness and cannot access other safe shelter, but District residents will be given priority access.

The Hypothermia Shelter will operate from November 1, 2019 through April 15, 2020 and will have the capacity to serve one hundred (100) adult men and women without children. The hours of operation of the Hypothermia Shelter will be from 8:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. The Shelter will be closed during the day, except when a Cold Emergency Alert is activated by the District. Services at the site will include security, meal service, and transportation to ensure clients can access services in other portions of the District.

Pursuant to D.C. Official Code Section 1-309.10, the Commission is invited to convey its recommendations as to the subject matter of this Notice to DGS in writing, and DGS will give great weight to the issues and concerns raised in such recommendations. For example, DGS would like to know if the Commission has any recommendations or concerns regarding the operating hours of the Hypothermia Shelter or noise pollution generated by the change in use.

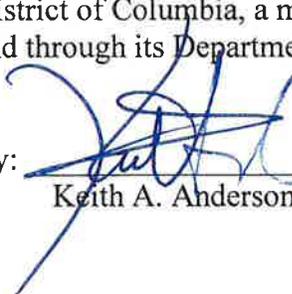
DGS respectfully requests that the Commission include this Notice and the subject matter hereof on the agenda of a meeting held in a timely manner so as to provide DGS with the Commission's recommendations within the time period provided to the Commission under D.C. Official Code Section 1-309.10. DGS and DHS would be pleased to attend such meeting if so desired by the Commission. While this Notice indicates that the change in use may occur for good cause before the ANC's recommendations are provided to DGS, the District is committed to giving your recommendations and concerns great weight in a timely manner.

Please send any recommendations regarding the foregoing to the Department of General Services by email to Tiwana Hicks, Realty Officer, at [ANC.comments@dc.gov](mailto:ANC.comments@dc.gov), or by U.S. mail at 2000 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, DC 20009, Attention: Tiwana Hicks, on or before October 3, 2019. Should you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact Tiwana Hicks at (202) 698-7762 or at the email address above.

Respectfully,

District of Columbia, a municipal corporation, by  
and through its Department of General Services

By:

  
Keith A. Anderson, Director