

January 24, 2013

MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Georgia Avenue Community Development Task Force

TO: Mr. Lloyd Jordan, Chair
D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W. Suite 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

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RE: BZA Case No. 18508 Howard University
Interdisciplinary Research Building

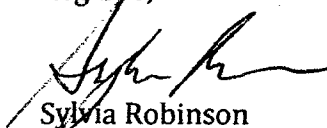
Dear Chairman Jordan:

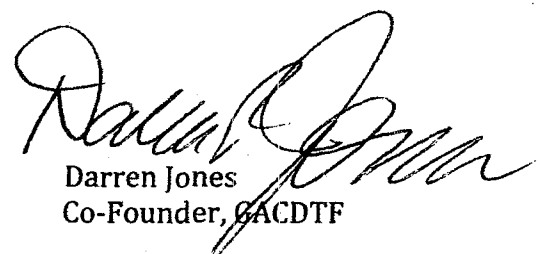
At the January 23rd meeting of the Georgia Avenue Community Development Task Force (GACDTF), the residents, business owners, elected officials and community-based groups assembled reviewed the plans for the proposed Interdisciplinary Research Building presented by representatives from Howard University. A description of the zoning relief was explained and following the presentation, task force members voted unanimously to support the University's application for the variance that would allow the University to construct the building without parking.

GACDTF members raised questions about where the building's researchers were going to park, and were informed that almost all of the building's users currently had parking permits which could be used to access available University spaces. Although parking is a concern to our community in general, the GACDTF worked closely with Howard University during their campus plan process and many of our parking concerns were mitigated.

While this is first and foremost a research building for Howard University, it also meets the community's need for a vibrant mixed-use presence on lower Georgia Avenue as part of the University's overall revitalization effort and opens community access to the University facility through the use of retail and assembly space. The GACDTF fully supports Howard's application for the parking variance and requests that the BZA approve this application.

Regards,


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