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February 7, 2013

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

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

Dear Chairman Jordan:

At its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, February 7, 2013, (notice of which was properly given and at which a quorum of eleven (11) of twelve (12) members was present), Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B voted 11 to 0 to support Howard University's application to the Board of Zoning Adjustment for a variance to the parking requirements for the construction of its Interdisciplinary Research Building.

At the meeting, it was noted that support for this variance was expressed in writing by: the Pleasant Plains Civic Association; the Georgia Avenue Community Development Task Force; and the LeDroit Park Civic Association.

ANC 1B understands the concerns raised by the University as it regards the need to reduce vibrations in the building and the problems that can be caused by the height of the water table. The ANC was also informed that most of the researchers who will be using the building already have parking permits, and that little, if any, new demand for parking will be generated by this project. ANC 1B's Design Review Committee and the full ANC 1B have had several presentations of this building brought before them, from its conceptual design through to this current design over the last five months.

In addition, both the Design Review Committee and the full ANC 1B participated in many discussions of the overall campus master plan. As a result, ANC 1B has been informed of the D.C. DDOT's requirement that the University reduce its overall parking inventory over

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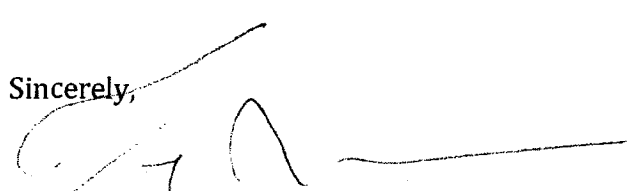
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the life of the campus plan, and we believe that requiring Howard to build parking in this location would not be in keeping with the requirements of that plan. We are also aware, however, that the overall Transportation Demand Management Plan will require a reconfiguration of the University's total parking inventory, and that there are other sites within the plan, including along Georgia Avenue, where the elimination of larger parking lots and the addition of new mixed use development will require more parking. ANC 1B intends to assess the parking for each new project against the parameters of the plan as these projects come closer to being implemented.

We ask that the Board of Zoning Adjustment give great weight to ANC 1B's support for this variance.

Sincerely,



Tony Norman
Chairperson