



September 13, 2006

Carol Mitten, Chairman
Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200 South
Washington, DC 20001

ZONING COMMISSION

CASE NO. 06-11 ~~82~~

EXHIBIT NO. P5

Dear Ms. Mitten:

I write today in support of The George Washington University's Foggy Bottom Campus Plan 2006 – 2025 (Cases #06-11, #06-12, and #06-19). I am proud to be a Foggy Bottom resident, having lived here for the past five years. As Director of the Office of Off-Campus Student Affairs, I am also proud to be a part of the University's continuing commitment to the Foggy Bottom community.

Living in Foggy Bottom and working at GW offers me a unique perspective on the interactions between students and the community. Students shop at local grocery stores, visit the West End Public Library, pick out produce at the local Farmer's Market, participate in neighborhood clean up days. In short, students are a vital part of what makes Foggy Bottom special. I see community members interacting on campus, whether cheering on the GW Basketball teams at the Smith Center, auditing a class at the Gelman Library, or just sitting on a bench outside of The Schenley sharing life stories with students.

For the past several years, the University has engaged in conversations with our neighbors about the future of the Foggy Bottom campus, reaching out to hundreds of community members and listening to their feedback on wide-ranging issues. The Office of Off-Campus Student Affairs (OCSA) was created, in part, to address some of the neighborhood concerns. Not only does OCSA provide residents with a means to report behavioral issues, but we also go one step further and educate our students about what it means to be a responsible citizen in the larger Washington community, including the publication of the annual *GW Guide to Living Off Campus* and the annual Off-Campus Student Services Fair. By encouraging personal responsibility, neighborhood courtesy, and civic involvement in our off-campus student population, the University is strengthening our commitment to Foggy Bottom by creating good neighbors. The Office of Student Judicial Services and the University Police Department work with my office to address every complaint registered through our community hotline. I also meet regularly with local apartment building managers to discuss student behavior outside of campus boundaries.

It is an exciting time to be in Foggy Bottom, as the neighborhood and University embark on this important effort. Together, we can maintain a world-class institution in the heart of Washington, DC. Should you have any questions about Off-Campus Student Affairs, or my support of the Campus Plan, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached by phone at (202) 994-0334 or by e-mail at hamluk@gwu.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B.F. Hamluk". The letters are stylized and cursive.

Brian F. Hamluk

Director, Office of Off-Campus Student Affairs