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To Whom It May Concern:

As a former commissioner for ANC 2A-06, GW alumnus, student of urban planning and design, and urban planner for the Nassau County Planning Commission in New York State, I would like to express my enthusiastic support for The George Washington University's new 20-year campus development plan.

This new campus plan presents several elements in-keeping with the 'smart-growth' and community-based development practices that I have espoused both as commissioner for the local ANC representing parts of the university and the Foggy Bottom neighborhood, and as a practitioner within the planning field. The preservation of open spaces, historic structures (via the proposed historic district plan), and confinement of future university development within set campus boundaries, are among the most universally beneficial aspects of the campus plan for all interested parties. Furthermore, the transit-oriented and mixed-use development of square 54, the re-concentration of student housing within GW's campus, as well as the open and inclusive process of generating this campus plan are highly-regarded and admirable elements of common sense and thoughtful urban planning.

If properly implemented (and the city would be well served to use the fullest extent of its power to hold the university to this intelligent new campus plan), this will foster a sustainable, universally beneficial, and well-received redeveloped campus, despite any criticism that may still exist of the intended outcome. The George Washington University has maintained its campus in Foggy Bottom for nearly a century, longer than virtually any other current occupant of the neighborhood. The Foggy Bottom community has continued to exist through years of thoughtless downtown development almost solely due to the university's presence. Having a campus plan that integrates the community, with focus on the very real concerns of outgrowing development, off-campus student residence, and destruction of the neighborhood ambiance, will keep Foggy Bottom a thriving community, keep the university on track to become a world-class institution, and create another exemplary neighborhood within the District of Columbia.

At a time when the competing interests of lucrative real estate development and community-based urban planning often result in both bitter disputes and the triumph of transient developers, it is refreshing to see a major institution embrace the principles of smart-growth it taught me. The District is always better off when it does the same.

Sincerely,

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Former Commissioner, ANC 2A06

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EXHIBIT NO. 109