

**Carol Mitten, Chairperson
Zoning Commission
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**ZONING COMMISSION
District of Columbia**

CASE NO. 06-11
EXHIBIT NO. 141

Re: GW Campus Plan Cases #06-11, #06-12 and #06-19

Dear Chairperson Mitten:

I am a freshman at the George Washington University. Having grown up in Chattanooga, Tennessee, coming into an urban setting was a very different environment for me, but was something that I looked for when considering which schools to attend. Moreover, my desire for political activism and academic integrity attracted me to GW; I wanted to be in a setting that would support and encourage my energy and passion for politics, and would challenge me academically.

Being at GW has been a dream come true. I have all the things I was looking for in my college search and also have access to the tremendous resources that Washington D.C. offers me. Foggy bottom seems to be the perfect location; my internships are just a few metro stops away at capitol hill, and several lobbying and law firms on K street are potential future employers. To quote the Princeton Review, "It's probably not surprising that many of the students who choose to attend school "three blocks west of the White House and three blocks north of the Vietnam War Memorial" are politically active. We should continue to capitalize on this amazing institution.

Like a large majority of my friends here at GW, I have ambitions of becoming a lawyer and pursuing public office. Students at GW take advantage of the opportunities that surround them in Foggy Bottom and beyond. One of my freshman friends already started building his resume by taking an internship at said K street lobbying firm. I have been tremendously involved with my freshman class, and have talked to lots of students about why they decided to come to GW. An overwhelming majority of my classmates say the number one reason they come here is the atmosphere and academics-- with desires similar to mine in pursuing higher education.

Like me, many of my classmates applied to first tier schools- like Dartmouth, Georgetown, Wellesley, Northwestern- and were accepted to these schools but opted to come to GW. We are all incredibly concerned with our education and its name in application to our future goals. I, personally, have strong ambitions to go to law school at Yale and return to D.C. to work for a major law firm. I want my education at GW to be where it deserves to be in the ranks. I support GW in all that it is doing to advance itself academically- like building a world class science center and additional academic buildings and dormitories. Among these faces, you are seeing your nations future statesmen, diplomats, attorneys, doctors, and engineers. I kindly ask you, commissioners, to consider this, our passion for this school, and our educational value.

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