

Good evening ladies and gentleman. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment on GW's Campus Plan. My name is Sandra Welch and I live in Foggy Bottom at 725 24<sup>th</sup> Street, NW. As I reside directly next door to GW's campus, I am very interested in what the school has planned for its future. After careful consideration, I support these plans for the following four reasons:

- 1) The Grow Up, Not Out approach makes perfect sense for this area. GW needs to grow its academic facilities in order to become an even better school. At the same time, this growth should not and can not come at the expense of historic Foggy Bottom. By centering growth on the core of campus and not outward into the neighborhood, this plan caters to the needs of both GW and the community.
- 2) I am very excited about the prospects for a retail area that extends down Eye Street and includes the redevelopment of Square 54 as a mixed-use town center. This neighborhood is underserved when it comes to basic retail needs.
- 3) GW has committed to moving its undergraduate students out of off-campus properties and building more housing on-campus. This is a significant offer by GW that will better the quality of life for residents.
- 4) The School Without Walls partnership is a model that should be followed in other parts of the city. I know this commission will take up this project in a separate hearing, but it provides a good example of the creative and broad thinking that went into this overall planning effort.

Thank you for your time.

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