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Carol J. Mitten, Chairman  
District of Columbia Zoning Commission  
441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Suite 210 South  
Washington, DC 20001

Re: GWU Campus Plan Case # 6-11 and 6-12

Dear Ms. Mitten:

I submit this written testimony in support of GWU's revised Campus Plan since I was unable to appear in person on September 25, 2006 due to a family commitment. My favorable comments are submitted from three (3) points of view. I am a Foggy Bottom resident (Columbia Plaza Apartments), real estate professional, and an alumna of the University.

GW's revised Campus Plan now includes Community input and contains its growth in the core/center of the Campus with taller buildings to accommodate student needs. The ability to use FAR to the greatest extent possible is a prudent real estate tool for the university and preserves the existing community.

As part of this plan, the University commits to cap enrollment growth as well as remove undergraduates and substitute graduate students in the Hall on Virginia Avenue, Columbia Plaza and the Aston. This is a direct result of Community input. Graduate students are more mature and studious than undergraduates and do not disturb their neighbors in private/market housing and I am currently experiencing this first hand.

As an alumna, I am a firm believer that students should have the ability to live in university housing all four (4) years and should be encouraged to do so as I did. This enhanced my college experience and exposed me to people from around the world.

GW's contribution to renovating the DC School Without Walls is an exemplary example of the trend towards "public-private partnerships" where "community" resources are used to finance under funded public services. The currently vacant/wasted surrounding land will be put to good use as a GW dormitory. Two educational institutions will create a symbiotic relationship.

I believe GWU is a good neighbor, is a valuable resource for Foggy Bottom and it has revised its Campus Plan in good faith and has compromised for the general neighborhood.

Sincerely,

  
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