

September 25, 2006

Carol Mitten
Chair, DC Zoning Commission
441 4th Street NW
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Washington, DC 20001

Re: 2006-2025 GW Campus Plan (GW Campus Plan Cases #06-11 and #06-12).

Dear Chairperson Mitten:

I am writing as a junior at The George Washington University (GW) in full support of the GW Campus Plan (cases #06-11 and #06-12). Having served as a student leader in different capacities, I have been able to gather popular opinion to share with you.

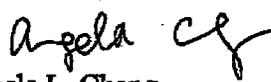
Students at GW like to spend time on campus. GW Housing Programs this year was able to assign every available bed to undergraduate students. The GW Campus Plan would provide more opportunities for students that want to live on campus the ability to do so. Many of the students who have been unable to find housing on campus have typically been forced to find housing in the states of Maryland and Virginia, boosting those state's economies and taking away from the District's. The truth is, if the GW Campus Plan passed, D.C. would receive the direct benefits of students' pocketbooks rather than passing off these benefits to our surrounding neighbor states.

Also, around the Golden Triangle area of D.C., banners suggesting that the area be viewed as a place of flourishing businesses are seen on every lamppost. To be honest, the Foggy Bottom area of D.C. is a bigger hotspot than the Golden Triangle area, and D.C. should capitalize on this. Square 54, aside from being Metro accessible and in one of the prime locations in town, would be an attribute to D.C., providing tourists and residents alike a place to shop, dine, and relax. Imagine the amount of income taxes this retail center would generate for the city! Students and many community members are for this idea because the benefits of an urban town center would mean we no longer have to travel to Virginia or Maryland to shop.

The students at GW are genuinely excited about having our campus "Grow Up, Not Out!" We know our school is a world-class institution, and we are more than excited to have our campus reflect our dedication to living, learning, and community. I hope my letter in support of the GW Campus Plan will help make the D.C. Zoning Commission's decision that much easier.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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EXHIBIT No. 172

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