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

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Carol Mitten, Chairman
Zoning Commission
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Dear Chairman Mitten,

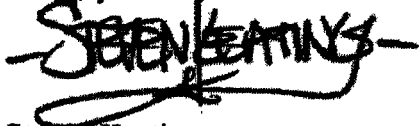
I am writing to you in support of The George Washington University's Foggy Bottom Campus Plan for 2006-2025.

Universities must grow to carry out their mission of educating society, and GW is no different. During its 186 years of existence, GW has consistently grown and improved itself, becoming one of the finest institutions of higher education in the nation. However, there is currently a significant obstacle to this continued growth and improvement: the limited space in Foggy Bottom. Just as children need new shoes and flowers need larger pots, GW needs more space. If GW does not grow, it will be unable to properly educate and prepare future generations of public servants, scientists, doctors, businessmen, teachers, and all of the other important professions that modern societies require. To educate and prepare these people, GW needs more room to expand its academic, medical, and research infrastructure.

With the 2006-2025 Campus Plan, the realization of GW's expansion does not mean demolishing the surrounding community. The brilliance of the Plan is that it allows GW to grow up on its existing campus, not out into residential Foggy Bottom. Furthermore, the Campus Plan will benefit the Foggy Bottom community in several other ways. As I see it, the two most significant benefits to the community (in addition to the preservation of the neighborhood) are that more students will be housed on campus and there will be a greater variety of retail venues, including a new grocery store, which is sorely needed, even with the recent addition of Trader Joe's.

As a resident of Foggy Bottom and a graduate student at GW, I support GW's Foggy Bottom Campus Plan for 2006-2025. It allows GW to adhere to its invaluable mission of providing future generations with the best education and resources possible, while preserving the Foggy Bottom community.

Thank you for your consideration,



Steven Keating

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