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Ms. Carol Mitten, Chairwoman
Zoning Commission
441 4th St NW Suite 200 South
Washington, D.C. 20001
Re: GW Campus Plan Cases #06-11, #6-12, #06-19

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Dear Ms. Mitten,

I write in support of the above cited cases regarding the GW Campus plan. This congregation proudly has been part of the Foggy Bottom community since 1855. As a result, I was one of the community participants in the planning process held to discuss and review ideas regarding the largest piece of the plan on Washington Circle.

The company hired to create and implement that process were responsible and responsive urban planners. I think the Washington Circle project has the possibility of creating new life and vitality to that portion of Foggy Bottom. While every plan can be fine-tuned, it mystifies me why someone would oppose the project as a whole.

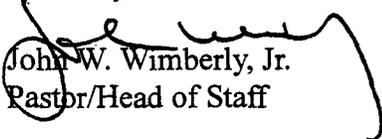
As for other parts of the campus plan, I believe GW is making a good faith effort to find more student housing within its footprint. I also like the idea of higher density construction within the primary campus.

For any university to remain competitive these days and provide its students with high quality educational facilities, new construction needs to be taking place constantly. Therefore, the idea that GW is constantly bringing new projects to the Zoning Commission seems to me to be a positive rather than negative reality.

Are there some town-gown conflicts between students and residents (including some of my members) in Foggy Bottom? Of course. But my members tell me that they are manageable and continue to consider Foggy Bottom a great place to live.

I hope you will approve the plans presented by GWU. Thank you.

Sincerely,


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CASE NO. 06-12
EXHIBIT NO. 47