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September 11, 2006

Ms. Carol Mitten  
Chairman, Zoning Commission  
441- 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Suite 200 South  
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Campus Plan Cases Nos. 6-11, 6-12, and 6-19

Dear Ms. Mitten:

My name is Dorothy S. Alvey and I have lived in the Foggy Bottom Community for the past thirty-four (34) consecutive years. I own the apartment in Potomac Plaza where I live. I am the kind of person who treasures old properties. I have never been a student or employee of George Washington University. I want to express appreciation to all who have participated in the process that has finally resulted in The Foggy Bottom Campus Plan 2006-2025.

Foggy Bottom is not the same as it was over 50 years ago. Had there been no changes, several buildings we now appreciate would not ever have been constructed and many of us would have no place to live in Foggy Bottom. The George Washington University (GWU), a part of Foggy Bottom since 1912, has become a World Class University of which our community, our city, and our country can be proud. It, like our treasured historic buildings, is one of the facets of our neighborhood that makes Foggy Bottom so special and so unique. Our city has become made up of federal buildings, office buildings and memorials, with few retail businesses for shopping downtown. Consequently there is a shortage of tax dollars for the District of Columbia. Our streetscape in certain areas needs fixing!

Throughout the years, GWU has grown. As a World Class University, the officials of GWU must plan ahead, and we must admit it's their right to manage their own property the way they see fit so long as it doesn't infringe on the rights of others or violate zoning regulations. For two years, GWU officials have sought input from Foggy Bottom residents, have kept Foggy Bottom residents informed of planning developments, and have attempted to be considerate of the concerns of their Foggy Bottom neighbors. Various planning specialists have been consulted for a study of the situation.

The proposed plan provides additional, convenient places to shop and the potential for a much needed increase in revenue for the District of Columbia.

In recent years, college tuition **nationwide** has skyrocketed to the extent many families can no longer afford higher education. If the revenue GWU will realize from the

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proposed Town Center will help control tuition increases this would be another advantage.

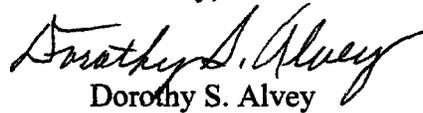
I doubt if any college or university is able to keep all students in dormitories because some students just don't like to live in dorms. So let's not expect the impossible. GWU can limit the impact by including in their incoming student orientation the need to be compatible with Foggy Bottom residents. I, personally, have been pleased with the improvements at the little park beside the GWU/ Metro Station. I appreciate the Library, the Lisner Auditorium, the parks, the benches, the roses and numerous other amenities that show GWU is considerate of their neighbors in Foggy Bottom and they have pride in the community.

It appears to me that the new plan (1) protects our historic buildings, (2) provides additional shopping places for our area, (3) brings in much needed revenue for our city, (4) gives GWU the opportunity to limit tuition increases and to house future incoming freshmen in campus dormitories and (5) maintains the unique appearance and character of our FOGGY BOTTOM COMMUNITY.

It seems to me that 2 years of discussing and consulting and planning is enough. I recommend approval of "The Foggy Bottom Campus Plan-2006-2025"

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Dorothy S. Alvey