

My name is Catherine Long. I am a long time resident of Watergate East. I support the George Washington University Foggy Bottom Campus Plan:2006 - 2005. Why? Reviewing history I recall a photograph of pre-university Foggy Bottom in 1912. Pictured was breweries, stables, coal yards, the Washington Gas Light Company and a famous saloon. Today we have a beautiful, international university and hospital in the nation's capital. Also picture vibrant Dupont Circle with Washington Circle, now and how it will be after our plan. And Square 54.

Progress requires change. Women were first admitted to the university in 1988, the Gelman library relegated its card catalog to its archives in 1900, and in 1946 Lisner auditorium was still segregated. So on we go, and never without controversy. All the planning sessions, and there have been many, have been open for education and comment and there will be more.

I want to share a few personal observations. I am very indebted to GW FRIENDS for introductions to Lisner programs including those marvelous Concert Operas, media events, health lectures and screenings, Senior Membership Advantages, water aerobics, and excellent student productions. The September callendar listed everything from mayoral debates to Tango festivals. Something for everyone. So unless women stop having babies, educational institutions will continue to grow, whether in or out, up or down. Knowledgeable experts responsible for the twenty year plan will in good faith continue to improve George Washington University for its students, faculty and for Foggy Bottom residents.

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