

**Testimony for
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on GWU's Campus Plan
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by Jay GU**

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Thank you Zoning Commissioners for the opportunity to testify on behalf of GW's new 20 year campus plan. My name is Jay Gu and I own the Market at Columbia Plaza and I live in Columbia Plaza in Foggy Bottom. I have lived in Foggy Bottom for two years.

GW has reached out to the community for over two years concerning this campus plan. I attended the first community meeting for the plan and was asked to offer suggestions on what the new campus plan should look like. Since the first meeting, I attended several other community meetings with many other residents of Foggy Bottom. The residents, including myself, offered many recommendations to GW for a new campus plan. Most importantly, we wanted retail space in the building site of the old hospital (known as square 54); we wanted a grocery store and we wanted to keep the old hospital site on the city's tax rolls. In addition, we wanted more student housing on the campus footprint so that the university would build more on its campus and not in the community.

I like the university's concept of *Building Up and not Out*. I think that the Zoning Commission should give the university more density on campus so that it does not need to expand into Foggy Bottom. However, as a business owner in Foggy Bottom, I like the GW students, faculty and staff of GWU. They are good and responsible people. The university has been working very hard in the community to solve problems between the university and its

neighbors. I have attended many FRIENDS meetings that solve problems between the university and the community. Unfortunately, a few Foggy Bottom residents do not want to talk with the university but the university continues to reach out to all the residents of Foggy Bottom which includes business owners, churches, students and senior citizens such as those in St. Mary's Court.

As a resident of the community I believe this new campus plan is a good plan. I hope you too will support the plan. Thank you.