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Re: Zoning Commission Case Nos. 06-11 & 06-12/GWU Campus Plan

Dear Chairman Mitten and Commissioners:

Please consider this correspondence as my opposition to the application for a new GWU Campus Plan as it is posed to the Foggy Bottom community.

The proposition allowing GWU to trash the current, hard-fought, and won, Campus Plan that is in effect for three more years is an outrage. Rewarding GWU with open-ended construction that amounts to a multiplier of ten of what its original campus plan requires for student housing and dormitories within Foggy Bottom is profane to the community and a disservice to those doing business in West End and the revitalized downtown.

The additional traffic that will result from the development of Square 54—the plan for 1000 cars—as a factor impacting the carrying rate at the Pennsylvania Ave NW-Washington Circle-23<sup>rd</sup> Street NW corridor for Virginia and Maryland commuters, much less for residents, is horrendous. As the GW Hospital is also located there, the critical issue of emergency vehicles unable to access the emergency room at 23<sup>rd</sup> and Washington Circle is already on record as unmanageable.

The university adding another thousand parking spaces JUST with its proposed development in Square 54—which is not even on the table in this so-called plan—will also negatively impact downtown business owners. Staying in or locating in northwest D.C. due to the traffic AND the level of taxes businesses will pay to make up for the taxes lost due to the tax-exempt give away to GWU. I refer here to the businesses that hire other than minimum wage and thus, the tax event lost to the District.

GWU pays its staff handsomely for casting a rosy light on its benevolence to the District and the Foggy Bottom community. If GWU were not in the 'business' of educating minds and a tax exempt organization with 80 percent of its holdings tax exempt—a partnership with the District could make sense. But, given the number of tax paying citizens and businesses GW has displaced and its unending expansion and densification in Foggy Bottom, GW is a parasite of the worst sort. I have seen the quality of life in Foggy Bottom diminish steadily since I moved here in 1989.

Please, reject GWU's campus plan: the density, its impact on the community, the negative impact on access to downtown D.C. from Virginia and Maryland. Additionally, fracturing of the District with unreasonable growth from tax exempt organizations like GWU does nothing to build quality of life, or a sound financial base to move the district into the world-class city it deserves to be.

Sincerely,

Susan Trinter

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*Ms. Susan Triebel*