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RE: GW Campus Plan Cases #06-11, #06-12, and #06-19

Dear Carol:

I hope all is well with you. I have not had the pleasure of bumping into you at any local events in quite sometime, so again I hope all is well. I wanted to write you a quick letter in support of George Washington University and its Foggy Bottom Campus Plan: 2006-2025. Unfortunately I did not have the time to testify the other night, but feel it important enough to put my thoughts in writing.

Seeing as this is Washington, DC most issues and plans can be interpreted in a myriad of ways both on the national and local level, but one thing that cannot be disagreed with is the economic, cultural, medical, and sociological benefits that the George Washington University has brought to our city for decades. From its outdoor community events to offering free services at the hospital, from providing free community services at its state of the art gym facility to local residents to its work on homeland security, and from its sheer size and economic donations and tertiary economic benefits it brings to our city, George Washington University should be considered one of the jewels of our city, as I am sure it would be in almost any other city around the world.

Because of everything GWU has given, whether directly or indirectly to the city, when times like this (GW Campus Plan Cases #06-11, #06-12, and #06-19) arise, it is our duty as residents of the District of Columbia to stand up and take notice of those entities that have been "team players" and those that haven't. GWU has certainly been a "team player" and has focused not only on the well being of its students but the well being of our city.

The Foggy Bottom Campus Plan: 2006 - 2025 is one that GWU did not enter into lightly. Great time and effort has been spent on this plan making sure that its benefit our city as well as the University. Countless meetings, from the local ANC (of which you are an expert) to brownbag lunches, GWU has reached out to as many residents as would listen ensuring their positive support and "buy in" for this plan. Square 54 would serve as a hub for residential "foot traffic" from those taking advantage of its mixed-use commercial redevelopment.

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GWU has covered all of its bases. Not only has it done an exhaustive collaboration with the neighboring community but it has also taken into consideration the necessary historic preservation of Foggy Bottom. Its streetscape plan will help to preserve the fabric of this neighborhood community found within our "hustle and bustle" city. I look forward to their landmark buildings that are being planned.

As someone who has always been supportive of GWU I think now is the time for the community and city at-large to stand equally supportive the GWU Foggy Bottom Campus Plan: 2006 - 2025. GWU has stood with us from always supporting the local community at events, rallying support behind our collective charities, and even going as far as to memorializing our first Mayor.

I hope you will stand with me in support of GWU today as it has stood in support of us in the past.

Thank you for your time Carol.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Neil S. Alpert". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Neil" being the most prominent part.

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