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September 25, 2006

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

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

Dear Ms. Mitten:

My name is Beatrice Watson. I have been the Executive Director of St. Mary's Court for 13 years. St. Mary's Court is located near The George Washington University (GWU) at 725 - 24<sup>th</sup> Street, NW. The Court operates a subsidized apartment housing facility for low income, elderly and disabled residents.

Over the years, St. Mary's Court has had a positive relationship with GWU. The students regularly volunteer to assist our residents. Faculty members lead lecture series at our noon-day lunch program and the University provided us with a much needed shuttle bus for resident transportation.

I have served in this neighborhood for many years and I am sensitive to the concerns expressed by some members of the Foggy Bottom community. We, at St. Mary's Court benefit from the University being in our midst, but we also benefit from and cherish the special nature of the Foggy Bottom community that our residents call home.

I am not here to comment on all the specific details of the Campus plan. Rather, I am here to tell you that St. Mary's Court (residents and staff) have been informed and involved as to the plan, particularly as to Square 54.

I participated as part of the Urban Land Institute panel concerning Square 54. I have also attended various community meetings where the plan was discussed. GWU representatives have held forums at the Court where the plan was described in detail and our residents were given the opportunity to raise suggestions and ask questions.

**ZONING COMMISSION**

CASE No. 06-12

EXHIBIT No. 149

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District of Columbia  
CASE NO. 06-12  
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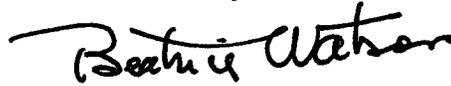


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In summary, rather than come to us looking for support of a predetermined plan, the University offered St. Mary's Court and the community a chance to be involved, particularly as to Square 54.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beatrice Watson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the beginning.

Beatrice Watson  
Executive Director