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Chair, DC Zoning Commission
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Dear Chair Mitten,

I am writing you today with my full support for The George Washington University's Campus Plan or better known to you as GW Campus Plan Cases #06-11 and #06-12. I believe that this plan is crucial in bettering the university and the community. From my perspective, everyone involved wins. GW receives more houses residences for undergraduates and the neighbors receive a more beautiful community and a more condensed campus in their neighborhood.

With the approval and passing of this Campus Plan all of the GW undergraduate students that are housed in The Aston, Columbia Plaza, and City Hall will be removed for the neighbors benefit. Thus, the neighbors will have quieter buildings free of the University's students. Then the students who were moved will now be housed on campus closer to their academic classes. I truly believe this will build a stronger community between the neighbors and a stronger community within the university.

The way the university stands now, with too few beds on campus for all of the undergraduates interested in living on campus, the community is spaced much too far apart. At this point I have many friends in City Hall, Aston, and Columbia Plaza. These students don't have the sense of community that I share within my residence hall at 2115 F St. NW. I enjoy waking up and greeting my neighbors that I also share classes with and I can move from room to room with ease sharing intellectual ideas and campaign ideas for my upcoming election. My friends in these two off campus locations do not have the benefit of hearing word of many on campus activities such as elections for the Student Association or Program Board.

In Anthropology class I learned that communities are more than a group of people who share common interests. Communities are groups of individuals who interact frequently, rely on each other for information and culture exchanges and live in close proximity to one another. To be a true undergraduate community, our university must house the students in close proximity to one another. I believe that the GW Campus Plan will move the undergraduates in close proximity of each other and, thus, create a strong community on campus. The best idea is to make The George Washington University's campus denser.

In the end, by removing the undergraduates from neighborhood apartment complexes it will solidify the community of the Foggy Bottom and West End neighbors. Thus, the GW Campus Plan is a win-win situation. There is no better way to develop our university.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jessica Jacobson

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