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Carol Mitten, Chairman
District of Columbia Zoning Commission
441 4th Street NW, Suite 210 South
Washington, DC 20001

Re: GWU/School Without Walls Case #06-17

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I have spoken with many residents in the Foggy Bottom community who are supportive of the project and who have indicated that they will testify before your commission in favor of the project because the community stands to benefit when the University modernizes and adds on to this school (the only DCPS school in the Foggy Bottom community).

As the Community Affairs Coordinator for Ward Two in the Executive Office of the Mayor for the past three and a half years I can attest that GWU has gone about engaging DCPS stakeholders including the Foggy Bottom Community in this project. DCPS and GWU held an open community meeting on March 23, 2006 that provided information to all interested stakeholders on this joint development project. This project has also been presented to the community at monthly meetings of the FRIENDS group which was founded by the university with the help of Foggy Bottom residents, whose purpose is to foster better communication and cooperation between the University and it's neighbors. FRIENDS has successfully established a positive dialogue and brought together GWU's administration, faculty, students and residents.

GWU has done an excellent job in reaching out to and working with the community as they go about developing this partnership with DCPS. This public/private project will result in a larger and modernized public school that will benefit not only the Foggy Bottom Community, but the entire District.

Sincerely,



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Community Affairs Coordinator, Executive Office of the Mayor

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