

**School Without Walls / F Street Residence Hall
Board of Zoning Adjustment Testimony**

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Chairperson Mitten, Vice Chairman Hood, and other members of the Board of Zoning Adjustment, thank you for allowing us to testify on behalf of The George Washington University's F Street Corridor Commission. My name is Brian Hamluk, and I serve as the Director of the Office of Off-Campus Student Affairs and the Director of the Center for Alcohol and other Drug Education at The George Washington University. The Office of Off-Campus Student Affairs was developed by GW approximately a year and a half ago to actively address student citizenship, civility, neighborhood conduct, and appropriate behavior in the surrounding community. In less than two years on campus, we have worked to conduct Off-Campus Student Services Fairs for those students transitioning off campus, worked to educate new students at freshmen orientation about appropriate community behavior, created numerous informational publications including the *GW Guide to Living Off-Campus*, and responded to 100% of community concerns. In addition, we support GW Housing Programs in their efforts of the F Street Commission, which my colleagues will tell you more about now.

Mark Levine
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My name is Mark Levine and I serve as the Senior Assistant Dean of Students at GW. In my role in the Dean of Students Office at GW, I oversee all student discipline at the University, as well as assist with residence hall life. One of the major initiatives undertaken recently has been the F Street Corridor Commission, a working group of students, faculty, and staff who are coming together to address student behavior specifically on F Street, where we have several residence halls and properties between 19th and 23 streets. With the arrival of Potomac House, the new residence hall on Square 103, we understood that potential for increased student activity on F Street would exist, and we have worked hard to address those. Through the numerous initiatives of the Office of Off-Campus Student Affairs combined with the F Street Commission, we are taking an extremely aggressive approach to educating our students, and while we recognize that it is impossible to make any generalizations based off of one month of comparative data, we find it encouraging that community complaints regarding F Street behavior in September 2006 decreased from 7 to 3 as compared to September 2005, despite having the additional nearly 400 students added to F Street. In short, another residence hall does not necessarily mean increased community disturbances.

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Craig Kupiac
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My name is Craig Kupiac, and I am the student coordinator of the F Street Corridor Commission, which I am excited to tell you more about. This Commission is a very unique venture that brings together faculty, staff, and students to address student behavior on F Street. We have recruited students from each of the residence halls on F Street, and students from several residence halls that are in the proximity of F Street. Through our bi-monthly meetings, we are using these residence hall representatives to do a number of initiatives. First of all, we utilize the representatives to educate students in the residence halls about appropriate behavior and trends that we are seeing on F Street. Second, we utilize them to provide us perspective on what the pulse is both on F Street and trends inside the residence halls and buildings. We meet regularly with administrators to ensure that we are aware of all community concerns so that we can incorporate them into our activities. While this Commission is brand new and just off the ground, we are looking forward to continuing our efforts, and bringing on new students on board from the new F Street residence hall in the years to come.