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ZONING COMMISSION
District of Columbia

August 16, 2006

Ms. Jerrily Kress
Director, Office of Zoning
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CASE NO. 06-27 Ltr.
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Re: Request for Party Status - Zoning Commission Case Nos. 06-11 & 06-12 ~~AND~~
06-27 (The George Washington University – Special Exception Application for a
Campus Plan; The George Washington University – First Stage Planned Unit
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et al. – Consolidated PUD & Related Map Amendment for Square 54)

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- (b) A request to appear and participate as a party: this letter constitutes a request for Party status.
- (c) Whether the person will appear as a proponent or opponent of the application: opponent for each of the three Cases.

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- (d) Whether the person will appear through legal counsel, and, if so, the name and address of legal counsel: not at this time, but WECA reserves the right to retain legal counsel.
- (e) A list of witnesses who will testify on the person's behalf: WECA Member Barbara Kahlow.
- (f) A summary of the testimony of each witness: Mrs. Kahlow will present regulatory process concerns relating to the proposed text amendment to the zoning regulations and the three Cases and then present multiple problems with each Case, the end results of which would be adverse impacts on WECA Members.
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If any additional information is needed, Barbara Kahlow can be reached during the day on (202) 965-1083.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John C. Batham".

John C. Batham
President

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