

**Market at Columbia Plaza
2400 Virginia Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20037**

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Case #06-27

Dear DC Zoning Commission:

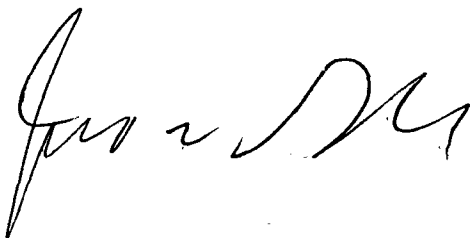
My name is Jay Gu and I am the owner of the Market at Columbia Plaza in Foggy Bottom. I have been part of three years of community meetings with The George Washington University discussing Square 54. The first discussion of Square 54 occurred in a FRIENDS meeting with 65 Foggy Bottom residents. I have attended every meeting since that first meeting three years ago. The community has raised several suggestions to GW concerning Square 54. The suggestions included lowering the height on Washington Circle, breaking the one building into three smaller buildings, adding green roofs and creating a retail market place on I Street. I am pleased that the university has adopted these suggestions.

As a small business owner in Foggy Bottom, I, along with other business leaders, will benefit from the housing, commercial and retail mix-use at Square 54. The city will benefit with the additional residents living in the city and revenues gained from the project. The university will benefit because it will add student housing on campus and greater academic space. The community will benefit because more retail and jobs will be part of this project.

Square 54 is a win-win-win project for all concerned. The university should be commended for reaching out to the community early and often to make this an excellent project. I not only own a business in Foggy Bottom, but I also live in Foggy Bottom, and I am very happy to be part of this community.

Sincerely,

Jay Gu



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