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Dear Chairwoman, DC Zoning Board,

My name is Carmen Oyarzun and I am an alumnus of the George Washington University.

I am writing this testimonial in support of GW's Square 54 plan because I feel that this plan will contribute to not just the university and its students but to the surrounding Foggy Bottom community.

I lived in the Jackie Kennedy Bouvei Onasis residence hall when the old George Washington hospital was torn down. Since then, the university has struggled to adapt to the demands of the city, the growing student population, and being able to find the equilibrium between the two.

I believe that the development of Square 54, more specifically GW's plan to build retail and a market, business space and apartments will benefit not only the university and the students, but the surrounding community as well.

But this plan does not only ask for the development of Square 54, but it asks that the community support its development of other buildings on campus. This is of interest to me because I want to be proud of my alma mater. In funding the science center and many of the other aspects of the campus plan, GW will become a more respected world-class institution; more so than it is today. Because in twenty years, my friends and acquaintances will not think of GW as it was when I was there but as it is then. I know that this plan will not only attract leading scientists and researchers but help fuel the leaders of the future.

I stand in complete support of GW's campus plan, Square 54.



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