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November 20, 2006

Carol Mitten, Chairman
Zoning Commission
441 4th Street N.W., Suite 200 South
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Square 54 Case No. 06-27

Dear Ms. Mitten:

I have had my offices in Foggy Bottom for over 16 years and also live in Northwest Washington. Many of my colleagues and I regard George Washington University as one of the city's greatest contributors economically, culturally and in adding to the vitality of the town and the Foggy Bottom neighborhood.

I have carefully reviewed the Square 54 plans proposed by George Washington. I heartily endorse it as a great benefit to the area. It is well conceived and provides a variety of needed uses.

The so-called "community opposition" is more imagined than real and is simply given disproportionate volume because of the cash "war chest" created for them by the Columbia Hospital site developers in lieu of a real community amenity.

This is a Metro station site that should be developed exactly as the University has proposed and should be approved.

Sincerely,


Edward R. Levin

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