



Carol Mitten, Chairman
Zoning Commission
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Washington, DC 20001

Dear Chairperson Mitten;

I am writing in support of The George Washington University's Campus Plan submission and its efforts regarding Square 54 (Case # 06-27). As someone who did not attend GW and has experienced two other campus environments in other parts of the country I am very proud to support this proposal. I have not seen a University make such a conscious effort to provide a proposal so focused on supporting the neighborhood in which it is located. There was also an unprecedented effort to solicit input from the community in drafting this proposal.

The Square 54 proposal will provide the community with a Town Center with desperately needed retail including a Grocery Store. I have found that despite the addition of the Trader Joe's off of Pennsylvania Avenue that there is still a significant need for this type of retail in Foggy Bottom. This proposal was also created by outside agencies in order to maximize the usable space as well as providing the best win-win situation for the community and GW.

The University has also met the community's concerns regarding growth by making multiple agreements. By ending its use of properties that fall outside of the campus boundaries and limiting future growth to only the area within those boundaries, GW has provided an exceptional accommodation in this proposal. This agreement could greatly hinder GW's future growth and yet the University is still willing to propose it.

The efforts by the University, the benefits to the community and the overall focus on GW being a good neighbor are the compelling parts of this proposal. I encourage the Zoning Commission to do review the proposal on its merits and approve the plan submitted by GW.

Sincerely,

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