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July 25, 2009

Anthony Hood, Chairperson
D.C. Zoning Commission
441 4th Street NW
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Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Zoning Commission Order No. 06-43 - American University -
Special Exception Approval for Further Processing Of An
Approved Campus
Plan - Application to Extend Time Limit On Zoning Commission
Action

Dear Chairperson Hood and Members of the Commission:

We are a 20 years-old neighborhood organization that represents neighbors of American University in seeking to preserve the quiet quality of the neighborhood when it is threatened by the University's construction or its activities.

We write in support of ANC Commissioner Thomas Smith's letter to you of July 8, opposing the application by American University to extend the expiration date of Zoning Commission Order No. 06-43 for a period of two years until July 20, 2011.

In our view the compelling fact is that AU is currently preparing its 2010 Campus Plan and will be submitting it to you next year. The proposed auditorium and other changes involved in Order No. 06-43 should be included in that plan, where they can be considered in relation to all the other changes AU may be proposing in the plan. The impact on traffic, campus noise and other conditions can be evaluated as part of the impact of other proposed campus changes, which very likely will also have traffic, noise, and other impacts.

The whole purpose of "planning" is to look at what will come in the future and to adjust current programs and projects to account for their likely consequences. It makes no sense to consider this one change in isolation. And there is utterly

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no need to do so, since the University acknowledges that it does not have the funding for the project in question and has no immediate plan to begin it.

Granting the two year renewal the applicant requests will only serve to handicap the planning process that the Commission has initiated by calling on the University for its 2010 Plan. The application should be rejected.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert E. Herzstein", written in a cursive style.

Robert E. Herzstein