

April 7, 2011

Mr. Anthony Hood, Chairman
DC Zoning Commission
441 – 4th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Georgetown University's Campus Plan

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission,

I am writing in support of Georgetown University's Campus Plan. My wife, Victoria, and I have lived in the lower Foxhall area for over 18 years. We have two children, ages, 19 and 16. In full disclosure, I am Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular & Cellular Biology at Georgetown University Medical Center, but I hope that won't cause you to consider my letter any less worthy than ones you might receive that state an opposing position. As with the vast majority of homeowners anywhere, I believe that the quality of one's neighborhood is of utmost importance.

I support Georgetown's plan and do so because I firmly believe it is a plan that will not harm the community in which I live. The Foxhall area already has a number of medical and graduate students living either in basement apartments (where the owner lives upstairs and earns income from the student) or in a small number of group homes. Indeed, it is the choice of those in my neighborhood to provide housing opportunity to students—Georgetown University is not forcing anyone to house students. And, the students in the neighborhood are great neighbors. In fact, their presence is hardly noticed as, for the most part, they're too busy studying.

We feel that being near the University is a plus, not a negative. Our family walks to Yates Field House to workout and play tennis, and we have enjoyed the opportunity to attend Saturday afternoon athletic competitions and evening performing arts events. In brief, the presence of the University is an asset our community, giving it a small-town feel with sophistication.

I believe the concerns of the neighborhood leaders are overstated, much like the opposition regarding the University's Canal Road entrance, which the community bitterly fought for nearly 20 years. The entrance has now been open for several years without causing any problems to our neighborhood. I believe the same will true with what is proposed with this plan. I respectfully urge you to support the plan as filed.

Sincerely,



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