

Good evening Mr. Chairman and members of the Commission. Thank you for the opportunity to speak this evening. My name is Molly Breen and I am a graduating senior from the Georgetown McDonough School of Business. In just one week! For the past two years, I have lived off campus in the 3500 block of O Street. Before I tell you my thoughts and feelings about this campus plan, I'd like to tell you a little bit about myself and about my time in the Georgetown community.

Over my four years at Georgetown I have been involved in various activities both on and off campus communities. These activities include working as the neighborhood liaison on the student association for which, over two years, from May 2008-September 2010, I attended the monthly alliance for local living meetings and also monthly "leadership meetings" between the university and community leadership. I am also a student member of the university's alumni board of governors. I co-founded Georgetown Samaritans, a student run organization that seeks out opportunities to enhance the off-campus community and help our neighbors. GU Samaritans was inspired by the neighborly camaraderie we, the students, ignited by volunteering to shovel non-student sidewalks and driveways during the Snowpocalypse of 2009. As a Georgetown University student and a Georgetown neighborhood resident, I believe that I am member of this community. My motivation in founding GU Samaritans was to create another avenue in which I could contribute to a community I love so much, in the way I raised to contribute to the community.

Additionally, for the past 3 years I have been the president of Party For A Cause, a student run 501(c)(3) organization that has redirected over \$75,000 of student's personal discretionary social allowance to charitable foundations on campus, in the local community and in the greater Washington DC area (Miriam's Kitchen, John Thompson III Foundation, Sursum Corda Housing Development Tutoring Program, Bell Multicultural School in Columbia Heights) simultaneously benefitting several local businesses. (caterers, event locations, beverage distributors, party rental companies).

While I am very proud of the activities I have mentioned, one activity that is very special to me is acting as the primary babysitting for a family from Holy Trinity for four years. This past winter, I began babysitting for a young family on the 1900 block of 37th Street in Burleith. They have a five-year old who is disabled and a one-year old. Through my assistance and that of another Georgetown senior who has been with them for three years, they are able to give their children the support they need.

In other words, students can and do bring value to the community of Georgetown.

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As someone who considers themselves an equal member of this community, I also recognize that many of you may not want to recognize me as an equal member of this community. I get frustrated by this and I think it is unfair. Let me give you one example of where my frustration stems from. On a Tuesday

evening around 10 pm in April 2010, I was in a friend's backyard on the 1300 block of 35th st. Most of us arrived with our backpacks having just come from the library. We were meeting to briefly celebrate a friend's birthday over cake and lemonade, with no thoughts of alcohol. We had only been in her backyard for 10 minutes, when MPD let themselves in through the back gate and told us to "Break it up", before asking any questions, surveying the scene or taking into consideration our rights. I was blown away. They told us they had received a complaint from a local neighbor, which I consider to be a reckless use of public safety resources. There was no music playing and the chatter of no more than ten friends could not have warranted a call to the police. Would they have done this if we were 15 years older? I consider myself an adult. I pay rent in this community and I symbolize that fact as having a contract with the community – that, I respect the rights of my neighbors and expect the same respect in return.

In summary, I have been a part of the Georgetown Community – by which I mean not just the campus community -- for almost four years, and a resident of the 3500 block for two years and a registered voter in DC. As this is likely my last significant contribution as an undergraduate, I hope these proceedings and the presence of me and my fellow students, will result in a situation where, when my nieces and nephews and, hopefully, even my own children, come to Georgetown, that they will be more welcomed into the neighborhood.