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Washington, DC 20007
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D.C. Zoning Commission
441 4th Street NW
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Opposition to Georgetown University Campus Plan 2010-2020, Case No. 10-32

Dear Commissioners:

I am a resident of Burleith. I have lived here for 16 years, along with my husband and two school-aged children. We own our home.

We oppose Georgetown University's Campus Plan because we have seen what has happened to the neighborhood during the time we have lived here. As Georgetown has been unable to house its students on-campus, the number of owner-occupied homes in Burleith has decreased and group rental homes have been on the rise. This decreases the attractiveness of the neighborhood to families, young professionals and empty-nesters. As a result, our kids have few friends their age in the neighborhood.

Over the years, I have witnessed college students urinating in public, staggering around drunk, and using foul language in front of my children. These students do not know how to be good neighbors – they behave in a privileged fashion, especially when their parents buy houses for them and stuff them with other kids. They don't know how to treat others or behave responsibly.

Students hold parties that are loud and last into the early morning hours; then their trash cans spill over into the alley, making a mess and inviting rodents. Students moving in and out discard household goods on their curbs rather than in the alley. One house across the street recently left a large recliner out front, which got soaked by rain. Other students put furniture in their front yards and hold court outside. Most student houses are not maintained on a regular basis; walking around the neighborhood, it's easy to spot student houses because of weeds and long grass as well as cracked and peeling paint, shutters askew, and general run-down condition. During the school year, parking is hard to come by because so many students take up spaces on the street.

The City needs to ensure that the University grows responsibly. The City needs to ensure that Burleith and the surrounding communities are not adversely impacted as we have been in the past decade.

Please, require Georgetown University to modify its Campus Plan to minimize its objectionable impacts on the community. I urge you to require the University to:

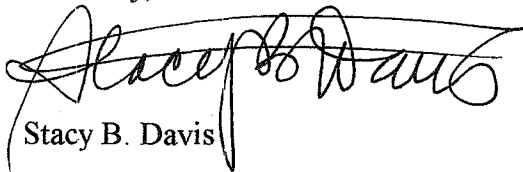
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- Provide more student housing on its traditional campus
- Link graduate and undergraduate enrollment levels to on-campus housing availability
- Readopt its former goal of housing 100% of undergrads on campus
- Strengthen sanctions to reduce disorderly student conduct off campus and *apply* the sanctions
- Reduce student traffic and parking demand in our neighborhood.

I feel strongly that Georgetown should be held accountable to former plans and pledges to the neighborhood. Please ensure that Georgetown builds more on-campus housing and enrolls only those students it can house.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stacy B. Davis", written over a horizontal line.

Stacy B. Davis