

Testimony of **Ray Danieli**, Assistant Director, Off Campus Student Life, Georgetown University

Good evening Commissioner Hood and Commissioners. My name is Ray Danieli and I am the assistant director of off campus student life at Georgetown University. I have been at Georgetown University for over six years, working to bring off campus students and permanent residents together in a positive way.

Formerly, I was a police officer in Washington D.C. for over thirty-four years. I spent my entire career working with citizens and police officers trying to improve the neighborhoods where I patrolled. I was the first recipient in 2002 of the Mayor's Customer Service Award. This award included the entire city work force of over 20,000 people at that time. Also, I was the recipient of three medals from the Metropolitan Police Department , including the rarely given, Distinguished Service Medal.

After I retired from MPD in 2004, I came to work at Georgetown University having the same focus as I did as a police officer; working with permanent residents and students to improve their quality of life, and to continue to emphasize Georgetown values. My vision was to make connections with every

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part of the community including the homeless. I wanted to be a positive force in the Georgetown communities. Also, while at Georgetown University in 2010, I earned my Master's degree in American Studies.

The Office of Off Campus Student Life works with the West Georgetown and Burleith communities to have Fall community and Spring community clean ups each year. The purpose of these community clean ups is to have permanent residents and Georgetown University students form a partnership and work together to improve the quality of life in both neighborhoods. The university supplies the roll offs and trash trucks to collect the trash. At the end of the clean up, everyone participates in sharing food together. I am the point person for the university in putting these clean ups together. The first community clean up that I participated in was in December 2004.

Another of my duties is advisor to the Run for Rigby group. This group sponsors a 5K race every April in

memory of Daniel Rigby who tragically lost his life in an off campus house fire. The group collects a fee from each participant who runs the race. This money is used to buy fire extinguishers, carbon monoxide detectors, and smoke detectors, which are distributed to our off campus students. This distribution is used to improve the safety of our off campus students. Thank you for letting me testify.