

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

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Dear Commissioners:

We have lived in Burleith forty-four years, at 1721 37th St. NW, in the house we bought in 1967. At that time Burleith was a quiet, family oriented neighborhood.

Now Burleith has 47% rental occupancy, mostly by Georgetown students, which makes for a very transient population. Many of these houses are lived in by six to eight students, turning the living and dining rooms into bedrooms. This makes for a great deal of pedestrian traffic at all hours of night and day, often with loud conversations, yelling, throwing of beer cans and bottles, and urinating on private property. This is quite a change in this once lovely community. And the houses are damaged inside and often unkempt outside.

Some day soon we will have to sell our home and worry about the value of the house. Only four out of ten houses on our side of the block are owner occupied. Across the street three out of ten houses are owner occupied. When nearby properties are not well cared for the value of other houses goes down and it becomes more difficult to sell. It also can take a much longer time to sell the house. This has been the case nearby.

A student did steal a French road marker from our back yard. It was reported to us as being in a student yard. It was reported to G.U. by us. We were advised that G.U. would deal with the student in the fall. This never happened. We also had an electric light destroyed at our back gate.

Burleith has become a G.U. dorm and is no longer the peaceful neighborhood it once was.

Therefore we strongly urge the Zoning Commission to turn down the Georgetown University's ten year plan, and to insist that G.U. students be housed on the G.U. campus or campuses elsewhere.

Sincerely,


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