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Washington DC 20007
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D.C. Zoning Commission

441 4th St NW #210

RE: Opposition to Georgetown University Campus Plan

Washington DC 20001

Case 10-32

Dear Commissioners:

My name is John B. Nicholson and I live at 1429 44th Street N.W. adjacent to the Foxhall Village townhouse development. We have owned our property since 1969.

Our property backs up directly on Glover-Archibald Park immediately across from the Georgetown University campus. We have been adversely affected by the University's activities for 40 years of occasionally noisy University-sponsored parties well through midnight, glaring spotlights maintained all night long, frequent overhead loud helicopters traversing to and from the University's hospital facilities, and the dreadful, occasional dumping of university refuse into the Park directly within sight of our property. The University has demonstrated repeatedly that it is not a good neighbor.

The University's proposed public road will destroy any tranquility achieved by the parkland set aside in Glover-Archibald Park – further undercutting the District's proud reputation of inter-mixing urban development with tranquil parkland. Surely the Zoning Commissioners wish to preserve our District's benefit of enabling simultaneous development of dense residential neighborhoods with environmentally-beneficial parkland. The Loop Road concept erodes that mutually beneficial relationship, solely for the benefit of University's grasp for its own finances. There is plenty of room available on the huge campus for two turn-arounds to meet the University's traffic needs without provoking loud noises, round-the-clock disturbances, and air pollution arising from use of a road alongside a quiet parkland sanctuary.

If you would like to question a 42-year resident about the University's proposal, I am happy to make myself available for your consideration. Meanwhile, I am expressing my strong opposition to the Proposed Campus Plan and hope you will decide to continue to maintain the District's reputation for preserving secluded parkland along with residential development, a reputation placing DC near the top of the most praiseworthy urban city planners.

Sincerely,



John B. Nicholson

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