

May 17, 2011

The Honorable Anthony Hood
Chair, District of Columbia Zoning Commission
441-4th Street, N.W., Room 220
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Hood

I write to oppose the loop road that Georgetown University has proposed building along its western border. My home is on the west side of Glover Archbold Park, across from where where the proposed loop road would run.

Like many others in my neighborhood, as well as Councilmember Mary Cheh, I have walked the proposed location of the loop road as well as other parts of campus that would serve as a preferable turn-around for University vehicles, e.g., buses, construction trucks and ambulances, than the proposed loop road.

Not only would traffic on the loop road adversely affect my home environment, it would also affect my enjoyment of the park itself. I walk my dog daily in the park. I observe many of my neighbors walking their dogs as well. In addition, I see many runners and walkers using the path through the park. I also observe various forms of wildlife, including owls, hawks, warblers, which require an uninterrupted canopy to thrive, throughout the park. Deer populate the park as well and last summer I rescued a fawn from its hiding place just feet from Canal Road. Just last month, I came upon several groups of Georgetown students observing flora in the park as part of a University Lab. I have to wonder what site Georgetown will use for these labs if the loop road is built.

Thank you for considering my views in this matter.

Sincerely,



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