

May 18, 2011

Mr. Anthony Hood
Chairman, DC Zoning Commission
441 Fourth St, NW Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001 RE: Case No.10-32, Georgetown University Campus Plan, 2010

Dear Mr. Hood:

This testimony is being mailed to you because I am not available to testify in person. I will be home on July 6 onwards if you need to call me.

I have lived in my home at 3526 S Street since 1985 and have taught at Georgetown for a total of 12 years as an adjunct professor. As the students sought housing in my neighborhood I welcomed their presence because they are normally polite and studious. However, from 1998 to now there has been a thorough decline in how the students behave towards their neighbors and how they maintain their houses.

If they rent basement apartments with the landlords living in the same house, there is often no problem with their behavior either in the dwelling or out on the street. The real problem is when these students rent houses and immediately behave as if it is a dormitory. 6-8 students pile into a home and they may take in strays nonstudents. On my street we have a house being rented at 3530 which has been infested with rats because the students collected garbage in the garden area instead of throwing out the garbage in the sealed cans in the alley. This went on for a year. My garden had rats and needed extermination methods three times over the year. I informed the owner when I saw him on the property which he visits rarely.

The noise and litter problem has become endemic over the last 10 years: no regard for residents after 10 pm with loud screaming, laughing, conversations held under our windows at all hours of the early morning all year round but especially in the summer. I have had to resort to new windows to buffer the constant noise. Cars revving up, screeching to a halt, horns constantly going off disturbs our residential neighborhood which is not a campus. Vendettas against fellow students also take place every year: windows broken in the still of the night, beer bottles piled onto a front garden, and loud arguing in the streets. It has become unbearable. The Georgetown Campus has many rules for curtailing noise, garbage, and unruliness; the campus police are strict and the students must behave. We have no such means in our neighborhood. As much as I love teaching college students, these students are just not mature adults yet and cannot cope with living respectfully in our neighborhood.

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